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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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8 EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO

9 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY  
13 OF CALIFORNIA;  
14 JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in her official  
15 capacity; JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in  
16 her individual capacity; DIANE  
17 EHRENSAFT, PHD, in her official  
18 capacity; DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD in  
19 her individual capacity; STEPHEN  
20 ROSENTHAL, MD in his official  
21 capacity; STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD  
22 in his individual capacity; ASAF ORR in  
23 his official capacity; ASAF ORR in his  
24 individual capacity; NATHANIEL  
25 BIGGER as *de facto* state actor;  
26 NATHANIEL BIGGER in his individual  
27 capacity; DANIEL HARKINS as *de facto*  
28 state actor; DANIEL HARKINS in his  
individual capacity; CHRISTINE  
HUDACKO as *de facto* state actor; and  
CHRISTINE HUDACKO in her  
individual capacity; and DOES 1-100,

Defendants.

Case No. **23-05316**

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR  
CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND  
TORT CLAIMS SEEKING  
DAMAGES AND DECLARATORY  
RELIEF**

1. 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
Deprivation of Civil Right to Family  
Unity & to Direct a Minor Child's  
Medical Care without Due Process  
and Conspiracy to Same
2. 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Procedural Due  
Process Violation
3. Fraud by Concealment and Civil  
Conspiracy to Same
4. Medical Battery and Civil  
Conspiracy to Same
5. Intentional Infliction of Emotional  
Distress & Civil Conspiracy to Same
6. Negligent Infliction of Emotional  
Distress
7. 28 U.S.C. § 2201  
Declaratory Judgment Re: the Civil  
Rights of Edward Allyn Hudacko

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

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2 **I. SHORT PLAIN STATEMENT OF THE CLAIM**

3 1. Plaintiff EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO comes to this honorable United States  
4 District Court to vindicate the one remaining aspect of his fundamental right to parent: his  
5 right to prohibit gender identity related surgery upon his minor child.

6 2. An August 2020 Court order awarded EDWARD's ex-wife, Defendant CHRISTINE  
7 HUDACKO legal custody (thus medical decision-making authority) over the minor child  
8 Spencer. However, the Court Order contained an explicit exception to CHRISTINE's  
9 medical authority, in the form of an injunction, hereafter termed the NO SURGERY  
10 INJUNCTION, which states:

11 **Spencer will not be permitted to undergo any gender identity**  
12 **related surgery** until they are 18 years of age, absent a written  
13 agreement by both parties, Christine Hudacko and Edward Hudacko, or  
14 an order of the court.

[Exh. "A", p. 7, emphasis added]

15 3. Each Defendant knew about the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, thus knew that any  
16 such surgery was prohibited, absent EDWARD's written consent.

17 4. Nevertheless, Defendants formulated, concealed and executed a plan to perform  
18 gender identity related surgery on a minor child without the necessary consent.

19 5. For this reason, as detailed below, Defendants are liable for violating EDWARD's  
20 civil rights, and/or alternatively, for Fraud by Concealment, and/or Medical Battery, and/or  
21 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, and/or Negligent Infliction of Emotional  
22 Distress.

23 6. Plaintiff also seeks a Declaratory Judgment that his right to prohibit gender identity  
24 related surgery is a fundamental constitutional right, not a mere court-created right, because  
25 it derives from the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.  
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## II. JURISDICTION

7. Original federal subject matter jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by 28 U.S.C. §1343(3) and 1343(4), which provide for original jurisdiction in this Court of all suits brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983. Jurisdiction is also conferred by 28 U.S.C. §1331(a) because claims for relief derive from the United States Constitution and the laws of the United States. Jurisdiction of this Court over any claim for Declaratory Relief is conferred by 28 U.S.C. §2201.

8. This federal court should assert Supplemental Jurisdiction over the state law claims, as they arise from the same nucleus of operative facts giving rise to the federal civil rights claims.

## III. VENUE

9. Venue properly lies in the Northern District of California, in that the events and circumstances herein alleged occurred in the greater San Francisco Bay area.

## IV. DEFINITIONS

10. "FAMILY LAW CASE" – refers to Contra Costa Superior Court case no. MSD19-05641, CHRISTINE MARIE HUDACKO v EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO.

11. "NO SURGERY INJUNCTION" –refers to a provision in the August 26, 2020 Order in the FAMILY LAW CASE stating:

**[The minor child] will not be permitted to undergo any gender identity related surgery** until they are 18 years of age, absent a written agreement by both parties, Christine Hudacko and Edward Hudacko, or an order of the court.

[Exh. "A", p. 7, emphasis added]

12. "SCHEME" – refers to the plan executed by JANET YI MAN LEE, MD; DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD; STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD; ASAF ORR; NATHANIEL BIGGER; DANIEL HARKINS and CHRISTINE HUDACKO (each of whom knew about the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION) under which gender identity related surgery was



1 performed on the minor child without EDWARD's consent, and which plan included an  
2 agreement to conceal the plan from EDWARD until after it was too late.

3 13. "EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS" – refers to EDWARD's remaining  
4 fundamental constitutional liberty interest in raising his minor child Spencer, specifically,  
5 the constitutional right to make medical and healthcare decisions for his child in the form  
6 of EDWARD's absolute right to prohibit gender identity related surgery, as articulated in  
7 the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION.

8 **V. PARTIES**

9 **A. Plaintiff**

10 14. EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO ("EDWARD") – the ex-husband of CHRISTINE  
11 and father of the minor child, at all times opposing attempts to "transition" the minor child  
12 from being a boy into being a girl, and who suffered constitutional, emotional and financial  
13 damages as a result of Defendants' SCHEME to perform gender identity related surgery on  
14 a minor child without obtaining the necessary consent.

15 **B. Defendants**

16 15. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ("REGENTS"), also  
17 referred to herein as "UCSF Medical Center," "UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals,"  
18 "UCSF School of Medicine," "UCSF Child and Adolescent Gender Center," "CAGC" or  
19 simply "UCSF" (all subsumed entities of REGENTS) - a state university system in the U.S.  
20 state of California. REGENTS have implemented a policy under which it may accept money  
21 in exchange for performing gender identity related surgery on a minor without obtaining  
22 necessary consent, while concealing any such activity from any disapproving interested  
23 person.

24 16. JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in her official capacity – a pediatric endocrinologist, who,  
25 acting as employee or agent of REGENTS and in conformity with REGENTS' policies,  
26 participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for performing gender  
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1 identity related surgery on a minor without obtaining the necessary consent, and by  
2 concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

3 17. JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in her individual capacity - a pediatric endocrinologist,  
4 who, acting on her own and independently from REGENTS' policies, participated in the  
5 SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for performing gender identity related surgery  
6 on a minor without obtaining the necessary consent, and by concealing the SCHEME from  
7 EDWARD.

8 18. DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD, in her official capacity - Co-Director of UCSF Child  
9 and Adolescent Gender Center, a developmental and clinical psychologist, who, acting as  
10 employee or agent of REGENTS and in conformity with REGENTS' policies, participated  
11 in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for recommending unconsented gender  
12 identity related surgery on a minor, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

13 19. DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD in her individual capacity - a developmental and clinical  
14 psychologist, who, acting on her own and independently from REGENTS' policies,  
15 participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for recommending  
16 unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor, and by concealing the SCHEME  
17 from EDWARD.

18 20. STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD in his official capacity - Co-Director of UCSF Child  
19 and Adolescent Gender Center, UCSF School of Medicine Professor of Pediatrics, with  
20 interests in "gender non-conforming / transgender youth and adolescents," who, acting as  
21 employee or agent of REGENTS and in conformity with REGENTS' policies, participated  
22 in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for recommending unconsented gender  
23 identity related surgery on a minor, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

24 21. STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD in his individual capacity - a doctor interested in  
25 "gender non-conforming / transgender youth and adolescents," who, acting on his own and  
26 independently from REGENTS' policies, participated in the SCHEME by accepting money  
27 in exchange for recommending unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor, and  
28 by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

22. ASAF ORR in his official capacity – a California attorney, transgender activist and (at the relevant time) Legal Director of UCSF Child and Adolescent Gender Center, who, acting as employee or agent of REGENTS and in conformity with REGENTS’ policies, participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for advising Defendants that unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor was legal, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

23. ASAF ORR in his individual capacity - a California attorney, transgender activist and (at the relevant time) Legal Director of UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals who, acting on his own and independently from REGENTS’ policies, participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for advising Defendants that unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor was legal, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

24. NATHANIEL BIGGER as *de facto* state actor - a California attorney and (at the relevant time) attorney representing CHRISTINE in the FAMILY LAW CASE, who, acting as *de facto* agent of REGENTS and in conformity with REGENTS’ policies, participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for advising CHRISTINE that unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor was legal, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

25. NATHANIEL BIGGER in his individual capacity - a California attorney and (at the relevant time) attorney representing CHRISTINE in the FAMILY LAW CASE who, acting on his own and independently from REGENTS’ policies, participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for advising CHRISTINE that unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor was legal, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

26. DANIEL HARKINS as *de facto* state actor - a California attorney and (at the relevant time) the court-appointed minor’s counsel representing the minor child who, acting as *de facto* agent of REGENTS and in conformity with REGENTS’ policies, as well as an agent and employee of the state of California or the family court, participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

27. DANIEL HARKINS in his individual capacity - a California attorney and (at the relevant time) the court-appointed minor's counsel representing the minor child, who, acting on his own and independently from REGENTS' policies and direction of the state of California or the family court, participated in the SCHEME by accepting money in exchange for concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

28. CHRISTINE HUDACKO as *de facto* state actor – EDWARD's ex-wife and the mother of the minor child, at all times favoring attempts to "transition" the minor child from being a boy into being a girl, who, acting as *de facto* agent of REGENTS and in conformity with REGENTS' policies, participated in the SCHEME by employing the other Defendants to achieve her goal of obtaining gender identity related surgery on the minor child without EDWARD'S consent, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

29. CHRISTINE HUDACKO in her individual capacity - EDWARD's ex-wife and the mother of the minor child, at all times favoring attempts to "transition" the minor child from being a boy into being a girl, who, acting on her own and independently from REGENTS' policies participated in the SCHEME by employing the other Defendants to achieve her goal of obtaining gender identity related surgery on the minor child without EDWARD's consent, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

### **C. Doe Defendants**

30. DOE DEFENDANTS – are presently unknown individuals and/or entities who may also have participated in the SCHEME.

## **VI. FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

31. EDWARD and CHRISTINE were embroiled in a high-conflict Family Law case. The point of contention was that CHRISTINE wanted to attempt to medically "transition" their son Spencer from boy to girl.

32. Based on his belief that the treatments for "gender dysphoria" remain largely experimental, EDWARD was opposed to transgender for Spencer.

33. On August 26, 2020, the Family Court issued a custody order awarding legal custody (thus medical decision-making authority) for Spencer to CHRISTINE. However, that custody order contained a *very* important and explicit exception – the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION.

34. The Family Court’s August 26, 2020 custody Order contains two provisions speaking to the issue of gender identity related medical procedures – Section 7a and Section 7b. First, at Section 7a, the Order states:

Spencer shall be permitted to pursue the services provided by UCSF as to Spencer’s gender identity, and **shall be permitted to commence hormone therapy**, if recommended by UCSF.

35. The important exception to CHRISTINE’s legal custody over Spencer is found immediately thereafter, at Section 7b, where the Order issues the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION:

**Spencer will not be permitted to undergo any gender identity related surgery** until they are 18 years of age, absent a written agreement by both parties, Christine Hudacko and Edward Hudacko, or an order of the court.

[Exh. “A”, p. 7, emphasis added]

36. On 9/29/2020 Edward emailed Christine, informing her that UCSF’s policy is to include both parents in meetings regarding gender identity related medical procedures. Later that day, Christine replied, informing Edward that:

UCSF has the court order [including the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION] per their request.

[Exh. “B”, p. 7]

37. On 10/21/2020, consistent with his right to timely be informed about Spencer’s medical treatment, Edward wrote a letter to UCSF, copying Christine’s counsel, requesting access to “MyChart,” i.e. Spencer’s online medical records at UCSF. That request was ignored. [Exh. “O”, pp. 79-83]

38. On 2/17/2021, unbeknownst to Edward, Christine took 16-year-old Spencer for a patient visit at UCSF Child and Adolescent Gender Center. UCSF doctors discussed with

1 Spencer a category of experimental drugs called “Puberty Blockers” that “help temporarily  
2 suspend or block the physical changes of puberty.” [Exh. “E”, p. 19]

3 39. Four different types of puberty blockers (Gonadatropin Releasing Hormone  
4 Agonists) were discussed at the 2/17/2021 visit. The first three options were nonsurgical.  
5 Two of these are injections (leuprolide acetate and triptorelin); a third is an oral tablet called  
6 spironolactone. However, the fourth option - a “subcutaneous histrelin implant” - requires  
7 surgery. [Id]

8 40. On 2/17/2021, unbeknownst to Edward, UCSF sent a letter to Christine, following up  
9 with that day’s visit by “Spencer Hudacko (AKA: Gemma).” The subject of this letter was  
10 “PUBERTAL BLOCKERS,” and its purpose was to inform Christine about the risks and  
11 benefits of puberty blocking hormones. Of note are UCSF’s frank admissions that the “side  
12 effects and safety of puberty blockers are not completely understood,” that there “may be  
13 long-term risks that are not yet known,” and that this “is not approved by the Food and Drug  
14 Administration for this specific use.” [Exh. “E”, pp. 18-21]

15 41. On 2/23/21, Christine caused Spencer to deposit sperm into a sperm bank. [Exh. “K”,  
16 p. 67]

17 42. On 6/8/2021, STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD issued “Progress Notes” regarding  
18 Spencer’s medical procedures to that point in time, stating in relevant part:

19 Mother and [Spencer] have separate attorneys who are navigating [a]  
20 complex family situation [related to the fact that] father is not  
supportive of [Spencer’s] gender care.

21 [Exh. “G”, p. 28]

22 43. UCSF’s 6/8/2021 statement notes that that Christine has “medical [legal] custody,”  
23 and without mentioning Edward, states that:

24 “Mother is working with her attorney, Gemma’s attorney and Asaf Orr,  
25 JD—everyone [except Edward] is working together to achieve  
resolution [of Spencer’s having been born male] in the near future.

26 [Exh. “G”, p. 29]

27 44. UCSF’s 6/8/2021 statement further indicates that:  
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1 [Christine] will keep J. Cohen, LCSW [but not Edward] informed of  
2 situation.

3 [Exh. "G", p. 29]

4 45. On 8/4/2021, unbeknownst to Edward, Defendants did cause Spencer to undergo the  
5 Supprelin Implant procedure, categorized as "SURGERY." [Exh. "D", p. 16]

6 46. UCSF billed and was paid \$209,820.34 for the Supprelin Implant surgery. [Exh. "L",  
7 p. 71].

8 47. On 10/8/2021 and again on 10/15/2021, Edward and Christine each attended a  
9 football game for their younger son Will. Twice Edward politely asked Christine about  
10 Spencer, and twice Christine refused to discuss the matter, later characterizing inquiry about  
11 Spencer as "harassing" her. [Exh. "C" p. 14]

12 48. On 10/18/2021, Christine emailed Edward, revealing the Supprelin Implant, yet  
13 clearly wishing to discourage Edward from inquiring further, stating, in relevant part:

14 **Spencer has begun hormone therapy - testosterone blocker**  
15 **(Supprelin) via an implant** and estrogen via pills (Estradiol).

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17 I don't expect that you will pay for half given your **disapproval of**  
18 **transitioning.**

19 **Spencer started HRT in Aug. [2021] and I waited to tell you** to be  
20 **able to report how it is going so far. I also waited because frankly I**  
21 **am concerned how you will react** and potentially act out to our  
22 children and me. Friday night's incident of you **harassing me [by**  
23 **enquiring about Spencer]**, with Will witnessing some of it, confirms  
24 my concerns and that Will will have to resume therapy with Adam  
25 when football concludes.

26 [Exh. "C", p. 14, bolding added]

27 **VII. JOINT ACTION TEST - ARGUMENT WHY THESE NOMINALLY**  
28 **PRIVATE ACTORS SHOULD BE SHOULD BE HELD AS *DE FACTO* STATE**  
**ACTORS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PURPOSES**

49. Here, there is no question that REGENTS is a state actor. The structure and  
composition of the Board of Regents is laid out in the California Constitution, which  
establishes that the University of California is a "public trust" and that the regents are a



1 “corporation” that has been granted the power to manage the trust on the public's behalf.  
2 Cal. Const. Art. 9, sect. 9(a).

3 50. Defendants NATHANIEL BIGGER, DANIEL HARKINS and CHRISTINE  
4 HUDACKO (collectively, “NOMINALLY PRIVATE ACTORS”) are not State Actors.  
5 However, the U.S. Supreme Court established precedent under which private actors will be  
6 held as *de facto* state actors, such that a § 1983 claim will lie against them. *Adickes v. S.H.*  
7 *Kress & Co.* 398 U.S. 144 (1970) (“*Adickes*”), and see also *Smith v. Brookshire Bros.*, 519  
8 F.2d 93 (5th Cir. 1975); *Barrett v. Harwood*, 189 F.3d 297, 304 (2d Cir. 1999).

9 51. A nominally private actor becomes *a de facto* state actor when “the state has so far  
10 insinuated itself into a position of interdependence with the [defendant] that it was a joint  
11 participant in the enterprise.” *Focus on the Family v. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Auth.*, 344  
12 F.3d 1263, 1267 (11th Cir. 2003) (“*Focus*”), citing *Willis v. Univ. Health Servs.*, 993 F.2d  
13 837 (11th Cir. 1993), quoting *National Broad. Co., Inc. (“NBC”) v. Communications*  
14 *Workers of Am., AFL-CIO*, 860 F.2d 1022, 1026-27 (11th Cir. 1988)) (other citations  
15 omitted). A court will examine whether the government and the acting party are  
16 “intertwined in a symbiotic relationship,” as well as whether the relationship involves “the  
17 specific conduct of which plaintiff complains.” *Id.*

18 52. Here, the REGENTS and the NOMINALLY PRIVATE ACTORS are intertwined in  
19 a symbiotic relationship, and the relationship does involve the specific conduct of which  
20 Plaintiff complains, i.e. the SCHEME as defined above.

21 53. The U.S. Supreme Court has found that under the “joint action” test a private party  
22 can be fairly said to be a state actor where a private party is a “willful participant in joint  
23 action with the State or its agents.” *Lugar v. Edmondson Oil Co.*, 457 U.S. 922, 923, 102  
24 S. Ct. 2744, 2746 (1982) (“*Lugar*”).

25 54. Here, both REGENTS and the NOMINALLY PRIVATE ACTORS are all willful  
26 participants in the plan to perform gender identity related surgery on a minor without  
27 EDWARD’s consent, and thus in violation of a state court order. Furthermore, REGENTS  
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1 and the NOMINALLY PRIVATE ACTORS are all willful participants in the plan to  
2 conceal the surgery from EDWARD.

3 55. Moreover, it is worth emphasizing that here, as in *Lugar*, REGENTS and  
4 NOMINALLY PRIVATE ACTORS' concerted conduct in formulating, concealing and  
5 executing the SCHEME worked to the mutual benefit of REGENTS and the NOMINALLY  
6 PRIVATE ACTORS and REGENTS. The SCHEME was successful, as CHRISTINE got  
7 the gender identity related surgery for the minor child that she wanted, UCSF was paid a  
8 total of at least \$209,820.34. [EXHIBIT "L", p. 71]. Each of the professional Defendants  
9 got paid for his, her or their participation.

10 56. Under the "symbiotic relationship" test a private party can be fairly said to be a state  
11 actor where "the state has so far insinuated itself into a position of interdependence" with a  
12 private party that "it must be recognized as a joint participant in the challenged  
13 activity." *Burton v. Wilmington Parking Auth.*, 365 U.S. 715, 725, 81 S.Ct. 856, 6 L.Ed.2d  
14 45 (1961).

15 57. Here, REGENTS insinuated itself into a position of interdependence with the  
16 NOMINALLY PRIVATE ACTORS, as Defendants each got what they wanted by  
17 formulating, concealing and executing the SCHEME. CHRISTINE's goal of  
18 "transitioning" the minor child could not have been realized without the SCHEME.  
19 Likewise, the professionals' financial goals, i.e. getting a nice paycheck, could not have  
20 been realized without the SCHEME.

21 58. Therefore, there is sufficient nexus between REGENTS and NOMINALLY  
22 PRIVATE ACTORS so as to find a "joint action" for purposes of 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

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VIII. CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

42 U.S.C. § 1983 – Damages

**Deprivation of Fundamental Right to Direct a Minor Child’s Medical Care  
Without Due Process and Conspiracy to Same**

(EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO v. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in her official capacity; DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD, in her official capacity; STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD in his official capacity; ASAF ORR in his official capacity; NATHANIEL BIGGER as *de facto* state actor; DANIEL HARKINS as *de facto* state actor; and CHRISTINE HUDACKO as *de facto* state actor)

59. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the facts alleged above.

60. The Fourteenth Amendment provides, in relevant part, that:

No State...shall...deprive any person of ... liberty ... without due process of law.

[U.S. Constitution, Amend. XIV]

61. As the Supreme Court has repeatedly observed, the “‘liberty’ specially protected by the Due Process Clause includes the right[] ... to direct the ... upbringing of one’s children.” *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 702, 720 (1997). That right is deeply embedded in “[t]he history and culture of Western civilization.” *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205, 232 (1972).

62. Upheld in “a long line of cases,” *Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. at 720, the rights to custody and the upbringing of one’s children are deemed “essential” and “far more precious ... than property rights,” *Stanley v. Illinois*, 405 U.S. 645, 651 (1972). See also *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57, 65 (2000) (“*Troxel*”) (“The liberty interest at issue in this case—the interest of parents in the care, custody, and control of their children—is perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized by this Court.”); *Michael H. v. Gerald D.*, 491 U.S. 110, 123 (1989) (noting “the historic respect—indeed, sanctity would not be too strong a term—traditionally accorded to the relationships that develop within the unitary family”); *Santosky*, 455 U.S. at 753 (The Due Process Clause protects parents’ “fundamental liberty

1 interest ... in the care, custody, and management of [their] child[ren].”); *Wallis*, 202 F.3d  
 2 at 1136 (“Parents and children have a well-elaborated constitutional right to live together  
 3 without governmental interference,” a “liberty interest protected by the Fourteenth  
 4 Amendment[.]”).

5 63. Regarding the Fourteenth Amendment, and in the context of the fundamental right to  
 6 parent, U.S. Supreme Court instructs:

7 The court has long recognized that the amendment's Due Process  
 8 Clause, like its U.S. Const. amend. V counterpart, guarantees more than  
 9 fair process. The Clause also includes a substantive component that  
 10 provides heightened protection against government interference with  
 11 certain fundamental rights and liberty interests.

12 [*Troxel, supra*, 530 U.S. 57 at 60]

13 64. *Troxel* unambiguously finds the right to parent to be a *fundamental* constitutional  
 14 right.

15 65. What is more, that constitutional parental right includes the right to “make ...  
 16 judgments” about a minor child’s medical care. *Parham v. J.R.*, 442 U.S. 584, 603 (1979).  
 17 That’s because “[m]ost children, even in adolescence, simply are not able to make sound  
 18 judgments concerning many decisions, including their need for medical care or treatment.”  
 19 *Id.* And “[s]imply because the decision of a parent is not agreeable to a child or because it  
 20 involves risks does not automatically transfer the power to make that decision from the  
 21 parents to some agency or officer of the state.” *Id.*

22 66. Here, after proceedings in the FAMILY LAW CASE, the Family Court stripped  
 23 EDWARD of *almost* every aspect of his fundamental right to influence the upbringing of  
 24 Spencer. The remaining aspect of EDWARD’s 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment parental rights was his  
 25 explicit right to prohibit gender identity related surgery on Spencer while Spencer was still  
 26 a minor.

27 67. Plaintiff hereby specifically identifies his right to prohibit gender identity related  
 28 surgery as a fundamental constitutional right, the deprivation of which is at issue here, and  
 subject to a strict scrutiny level of review (“EDWARD’S PARENTAL RIGHTS”). *See*

1 *United States v. Hancock*, 231 F.3d 557, 565 (9th Cir. 2000) (observing that laws burdening  
2 a fundamental right are subject to strict scrutiny).

3 68. Under strict scrutiny, the government's challenged actions are "presumptively  
4 unconstitutional and may be justified only if the government proves that they are narrowly  
5 tailored to serve compelling state interests." *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, 576 U.S. 155, 163  
6 (2015).

7 69. These state actors cannot satisfy strict scrutiny because there was no compelling  
8 interest in violating a court order to deprive Plaintiff of his constitutional rights.  
9 Furthermore, there was a less restrictive means of accomplishing the state interest—seeking  
10 a court order. The state action thus fails strict scrutiny.

11 70. Defendant REGENTS and its employees / agents JANET YI MAN LEE, MD DIANE  
12 EHRENSAFT, PHD, STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD and ASAF ORR is unquestionably a  
13 state actor.

14 71. For the reasons discussed in the prior section on the Joint Action Test, NATHANIEL  
15 BIGGER, DANIEL HARKINS and CHRISTINE HUDACKO ("NOMINALLY PRIVATE  
16 ACTORS") should be held as *de facto* state actors for civil rights purposes.

17 72. Defendants each knew about the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION.

18 73. Based on the events known, Plaintiff reasonably infers, and on that basis alleges that  
19 REGENTS have implemented a policy under which it may accept money in exchange for  
20 performing gender identity related surgery on a minor without obtaining necessary consent,  
21 while concealing any such activity from any disapproving interested person, e.g.  
22 EDWARD.

23 74. REGENTS' employee / agent JANET YI MAN LEE, MD acted under color of law  
24 and violated EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS by accepting money in exchange for  
25 performing gender identity related surgery on a minor without obtaining the necessary  
26 consent, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

1 75. REGENTS' employee / agent DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD acted under color of law  
2 and violated EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS by accepting money in exchange for  
3 recommending unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor, and by concealing  
4 the SCHEME from EDWARD.

5 76. REGENTS' employee / agent STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD acted under color of  
6 law and violated EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS by accepting money in exchange for  
7 recommending unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor, and by concealing  
8 the SCHEME from EDWARD.

9 77. Plaintiff reasonably infers, and on that basis alleges, that REGENTS' employee /  
10 agent ASAF ORR acted under color of law and violated EDWARD'S PARENTAL  
11 RIGHTS by accepting money in exchange for advising Defendants that unconsented gender  
12 identity related surgery on a minor was legal, and by concealing the SCHEME from  
13 EDWARD.

14 78. Plaintiff reasonably infers, and on that basis alleges, that *de facto* REGENTS'  
15 employee / agent NATHANIEL BIGGER acted under color of law and violated  
16 EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS by accepting money in exchange for advising  
17 CHRISTINE that unconsented gender identity related surgery on a minor was legal, and by  
18 concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

19 79. *De facto* REGENTS' and/or California state employee / agent DANIEL HARKINS  
20 acted under color of law and violated EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS by accepting  
21 money in exchange for concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

22 80. *De facto* REGENTS' employee / agent CHRISTINE HUDACKO acted under color  
23 of law and violated EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS by employing the other Defendants  
24 to achieve her goal of obtaining gender identity related surgery on the minor child without  
25 EDWARD'S consent, and by concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

26 81. Therefore, Defendants are liable for violation of EDWARD'S PARENTAL  
27 RIGHTS, and a conspiracy to violate EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS.  
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## SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

### 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Procedural Due Process Violation

82. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the facts alleged above.

83. “Courts have characterized the right to familial association as having ... a procedural component.” *Keates v. Koile*, 883 F.3d 1228, 1236 (9th Cir. 2018). The “procedural” component is the principle that officials may interfere with this “liberty interest” only if they “provide the parents with fundamentally fair procedures.” *Id.* (quoting *Santosky*, 455 U.S. at 754).

84. Furthermore, “[p]arents generally have a constitutional procedural right to a judicial hearing if the State seeks to compel their minor child to undergo a medical treatment over their objection.” *Mueller v. Aufer*, 576 F.3d 979, 995 (9th Cir. 2009).

85. By secretly submitting Plaintiff’s minor child to surgery without Plaintiff’s consent, Defendants deprived Plaintiff of his constitutional parental rights “without a notice and a hearing” when there was no evidence that “the child [was] in imminent danger. *Ram v. Rubin*, 118 F.3d 1306, 1310 (9th Cir. 1997).

86. Defendants thus violated Plaintiff’s 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment procedural due process rights. *See id.*

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

### Fraud by Concealment

87. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the facts alleged above.

88. All parties to this action were aware of and bound by the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, under which both EDWARD and CHRISTINE each held the unilateral right to refuse gender identity related surgery for the minor child.

89. Defendants intentionally failed to disclose the SCHEME to EDWARD. That is, Defendants concealed their plan under which gender identity related surgery was to be performed on the minor child without EDWARD’S consent, and which plan included an agreement to conceal the plan from EDWARD until after it was too late.



90. Furthermore, Defendants actively prevented EDWARD from discovering the SCHEME by ignoring EDWARD'S requests – both formal and informal – for information about medical procedures on the minor child at UCSF.

91. EDWARD did not know that Defendants were planning to perform gender related surgery on the minor child until October 18, 2021, months after surgery was actually performed.

92. Defendants and each of them knew perfectly well that EDWARD did not and would not approve of gender identity related surgery on the minor child. For this reason, Defendants, collectively and individually, intended to deceive Edward by concealing the SCHEME.

93. Had the SCHEME been disclosed prior to the gender identity related surgery being performed, EDWARD reasonably would have behaved differently. Among other possible actions, EDWARD could and would have brought the SCHEME to the attention of the Family Court, seeking an emergency protective order placing all Defendants on notice that severe consequences - sufficient to stop the SCHEME - would result from any violation of the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION.

94. Defendants' concerted actions in performing the gender identity related surgery in the face of the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, and in concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD, were undertaken knowingly, intentionally, willfully and with oppression, fraud and/or malice under the meaning of California Civil Code § 3294.

95. EDWARD was harmed emotionally, as he suffers severe anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, shock, humiliation, and shame.

96. EDWARD - an ordinary, reasonable person - is unable to cope with his emotional distress. It negatively affects his work life and his personal life on a daily basis.

97. EDWARD was harmed financially as he has expended, and will continue to expend money for treatment of his emotional distress.

1 98. But for the concealment, EDWARD would have been able to stop the gender identity  
 2 related surgery from going forward, thereby avoiding his injuries. At minimum,  
 3 Defendants' concealment was a substantial factor in causing Edward's injuries.

4 99. Therefore, Defendants are liable for Fraud by Concealment, and a civil conspiracy  
 5 to commit Fraud by Concealment.

#### 7 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

##### 8 **Medical Battery and Civil Conspiracy to Same**

9 (EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO vs. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
 10 CALIFORNIA; JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in her individual capacity; DIANE  
 11 EHRENSAFT, PHD in her individual capacity; STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD in his  
 12 individual capacity; ASAF ORR in his individual capacity; NATHANIEL BIGGER in  
 13 his individual capacity; DANIEL HARKINS in his individual capacity; and  
 14 CHRISTINE HUDACKO in her individual capacity)

14 100. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the facts alleged above.

15 101. Per the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, Edward's consent was explicitly required  
 16 prior to any gender identity related surgery on the minor child.

17 102. At no time did EDWARD consent to any form of gender identity related surgery on  
 18 the minor child.

19 103. Defendants each knew about the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION.

20 104. Acting on the wishes of all Defendants, JANET YI MAN LEE, MD performed gender  
 21 identity related surgery on the minor child without EDWARD's consent.

22 105. Defendants each knew that EDWARD did not approve and would not consent to any  
 23 gender identity related surgery on the minor child.

24 106. Defendants agreed between themselves that the gender identity related surgery would  
 25 be performed on the minor child, and further agreed this would be concealed from  
 26 EDWARD until after the fact.

107. Defendants' concerted actions in performing the gender identity related surgery in the face of the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, and in concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD, were undertaken knowingly, intentionally, willfully and with oppression, fraud and/or malice under the meaning of California Civil Code § 3294.

108. EDWARD was harmed emotionally, as he suffers severe anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, shock, humiliation, and shame.

109. EDWARD - an ordinary, reasonable person - is unable to cope with his emotional distress. It negatively affects his work life and his personal life on a daily basis.

110. EDWARD was harmed financially as he has expended, and will continue to expend money for treatment of his emotional distress.

111. Defendants' conduct, individually and collectively, was a substantial factor in causing EDWARD's injuries.

112. Therefore, Defendants are jointly and severally liable for Medical Battery, and for a civil conspiracy to commit Medical Battery.

#### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress and Civil Conspiracy to Same**  
(EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO vs. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in her individual capacity; DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD in her individual capacity; STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD in his individual capacity; ASAF ORR in his individual capacity; NATHANIEL BIGGER in his individual capacity; DANIEL HARKINS in his individual capacity; and CHRISTINE HUDACKO in her individual capacity)

113. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the facts alleged above.

114. Defendants executed the SCHEME under which they performed gender identity related surgery on a minor child, in wanton and willful defiance of the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, which injunction positively required EDWARD's consent, and with knowledge that EDWARD did not consent, and would not consent. Such conduct was outrageous.

1 115. Defendants intended to cause EDWARD emotional distress, because each Defendant  
2 knew that Edward did not and would not consent to gender identity related surgery on the  
3 minor child. At bare minimum, Defendants acted with reckless disregard of the probability  
4 that EDWARD would suffer emotional distress, knowing that EDWARD would eventually  
5 discover that gender identity related surgery was performed on the minor child, and that  
6 Defendants intentionally concealed the SCHEME from EDWARD until it was too late.

7 116. Defendants' concerted actions in performing the gender identity related surgery in  
8 the face of the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, and in concealing the SCHEME from  
9 EDWARD, were undertaken knowingly, intentionally, willfully and with oppression, fraud  
10 and/or malice under the meaning of California Civil Code § 3294.

11 117. Such conduct—performing a life-altering surgery on Plaintiff's minor child without  
12 Plaintiff's consent or knowledge—is extreme and outrageous.

13 118. EDWARD was harmed emotionally, as he suffers severe anguish, fright, horror,  
14 nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, shock, humiliation, and shame.

15 119. EDWARD - an ordinary, reasonable person - is unable to cope with his emotional  
16 distress. It negatively affects his work life and his personal life on a daily basis.

17 120. EDWARD was harmed financially as he has expended, and will continue to expend  
18 money for treatment of his emotional distress.

19 121. Defendants' conduct, individually and collectively, was a substantial factor in  
20 causing EDWARD's emotional distress.

21 122. Therefore, Defendants are jointly and severally liable for Intentional Infliction of  
22 Emotional Distress, and a civil conspiracy to commit Intentional Infliction of Emotional  
23 Distress.

**SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress**

(EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO vs. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET YI MAN LEE, MD in her individual capacity; DIANE EHRENSAFT, PHD in her individual capacity; STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, MD in his individual capacity; ASAF ORR in his individual capacity; NATHANIEL BIGGER in his individual capacity; DANIEL HARKINS in his individual capacity; and CHRISTINE HUDACKO in her individual capacity)

123. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the facts alleged above.

124. Defendants were each aware of the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION. Thus, Defendants and each of them owed EDWARD an affirmative duty to refrain from performing gender identity related surgery on the minor without EDWARD's consent.

125. Defendants further owed EDWARD an affirmative duty to refrain from plotting and planning to willfully violate the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION, i.e. to refrain from formulating the SCHEME.

126. Defendants further owed EDWARD an affirmative duty to refrain from concealing the SCHEME from EDWARD.

127. Defendants and each of them breached their duty to EDWARD by formulating the SCHEME, by concealing the SCHEME, and by executing the SCHEME.

128. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of duty, EDWARD was harmed emotionally, as he suffers severe anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, shock, humiliation, and shame.

129. EDWARD - an ordinary, reasonable person - is unable to cope with his emotional distress. It negatively affects his work life and his personal life on a daily basis.

130. EDWARD was harmed financially as he has expended, and will continue to expend money for treatment of his emotional distress.

131. Therefore, Defendants are jointly and severally liable for Negligence, and Defendants Negligence was a substantial factor in causing EDWARD's emotional distress.

**SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**28 U.S.C. § 2201 - Declaratory Judgment**

**(Regarding the Rights of Edward Allyn Hudacko**

**(EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO vs. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA)**

132. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference the facts alleged above.

133. An actual controversy has arisen regarding EDWARD'S PARENTAL RIGHTS.

134. EDWARD believes that where a parent is stripped of legal custody by the Family Court, but where the Family Court also issues a valid Order explicitly promising the non-custodial parent the right to refuse "gender identity related surgery," then the non-custodial parent does indeed retain that right, and that such right remains a fundamental constitutional right.

135. Defendants believe that CHRISTINE had the unilateral right to consent to "gender identity related surgery," the explicit language of the NO SURGERY INJUNCTION notwithstanding.

136. In light of the foregoing, the Court should issue a Declaratory Judgment that a valid Court Order enjoining gender identity related surgery for a minor child without the parent's consent shall hereafter be considered a fundamental constitutional right, because it derives from the fundamental right to family unity found in the liberty clause of the 14th Amendment.

**IX. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

137. **General Damages** – for pain and suffering in an amount found reasonable, but not less than \$1,000,000;

138. **Actual Damages** – for Plaintiff's medical and other expenses actually and proximately caused by Defendants' conduct, in an amount to be proven at trial, but not less than \$200,000;

1 139. **Punitive Damages** – for intentional torts, to the extent Defendants’ conduct is found  
2 to constitute fraud, malice or oppression under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294, to punish Defendants,  
3 make examples of them, and to deter future such conduct, in an amount sufficient to  
4 accomplish the purpose of punitive damages, in light of the net worth of Defendants, such  
5 amounts to be proven at trial;

6 140. **Declaratory Judgment** – that a non-custodial parent’s right under an injunction to  
7 refuse gender identity related surgery for a minor child shall hereafter be considered a  
8 *fundamental* constitutional right, because it derives from the fundamental right to family  
9 unity found in the liberty clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

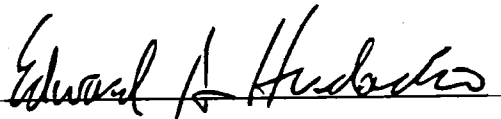
10 141. **Costs and Fees** – as incurred in prosecuting this action, including reasonable attorney  
11 fees as allowed by contract or by statute;

12 142. **Any Other Relief** – the Court may deem appropriate.

13 **X. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

14 143. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so-triable.  
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17 Respectfully submitted on October 18, 2023,

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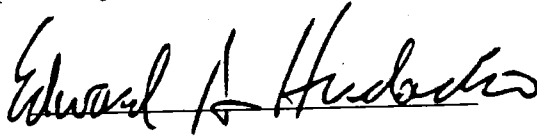
20 Plaintiff Edward Allyn Hudacko, *sui juris*  
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**XI. VERIFICATION OF EDWARD ALLYN HUDACKO**

I am the Plaintiff to this lawsuit. I have made a thorough review of all the factual allegations stated in the above complaint. These facts are within my personal knowledge, and I each attest to the accuracy thereof. As to those facts alleged on information and belief, I believe those things to be true, as reasonable inferences from the facts which are within my personal knowledge. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted on October 18, 2023,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward A. Hudacko", written over a horizontal line.

Edward Allyn Hudacko

# EXHIBIT A

D14-05641 12-16-2020 9am

**PRE-TRIAL ORDER FOR LONG CAUSE [ZOOM] TRIALS IN DEPARTMENT 32**

Before the long-cause trial of any issue, the parties are ordered to comply with the following requirements. Failure to comply may result in sanctions being imposed.

**30 days before the date set for trial:**

**Discovery:** Discovery must be completed 30 days before trial, except that any expert witness may be deposed as late as 10 days before trial.

**Expert Witnesses:** Unless demanded earlier pursuant to CCP §2034.230, disclose in writing any expert witnesses (including non-retained, percipient witnesses such as a treating physician). The written disclosure shall include a time estimate for direct examination, a summary of the testimony, a summary of the expert's qualifications and a copy of the expert's report, if one has been prepared.

**14 days before the date set for trial:**

Serve and file a list of all non-expert witnesses, by name, date of birth if known, a time estimate for direct examination, and relevance to trial.

**7 days before the date set for trial:**

[1] **Declarations of Disclosure:** Unless the requirement is mutual waived, or not required by Family Code § 2106, serve declaration of disclosure on the other party.

[2] **Income & Expense Declaration:** Each side must serve on the other party and file with the Court, unless the parties mutually waive this requirement.

[3] **Exhibits:** Exhibits are to be pre-marked with exhibit stickers. Serve pre-marked exhibits on the other party. Exhibit stickers must include:

- [a] Numbers for Petitioner (1,2,3), Letters for Respondent (A,B,C), and
- [b] The case number on each sticker.
- [c] ANY DOCUMENT LONGER THAN 10 PAGES MUST HAVE ALL PAGES NUMBERED [BATE STAMPED]
- [d] Any audio/video recording must be accompanied by a proposed transcript of what is said on the recording. Don't forget to mark the transcript as an exhibit.

[4] **Trial briefs:** Serve on the other party and file with the Court

**Stipulations:** Before trial, the parties shall meet and confer and attempt to stipulate to facts, accuracy of transcripts, and admissibility of evidence.

**Manner of Service:** Any document served on another party 7 days or less before trial must be served by hand delivery, or, if the receiving party has agreed, by email or fax.

**Day of trial:**

[1] Submit an **Exhibit List** identifying the pre-marked exhibits (with two columns, labeled "Identified" and Admitted") to the Courtroom Clerk.

[2] **Original Exhibits:** Place the **original** exhibits in a binder with a copy of the Exhibit List and hand it to the Bailiff when the case is called on the day of trial. **IF TRIAL IS TO BE VIA ZOOM, PLEASE SUBMIT THE EXHIBITS TO THE COURT CLERK 5 COURT DAYS IN ADVANCE OF TRIAL**

[3] **Copies:** Please supply 3 copies of the exhibits (one each for yourself, opposing counsel AND third copy for use by witnesses). Each party should bring his or her own copy of the opposing party's exhibits as received from the opposing party. **IF TRIAL WILL BE IN PERSON PLEASE BRING EXHIBITS ON DAY OF TRIAL.**

MY TRIAL DATE:

12-16-2020

30 DAYS BEFORE:

11-16-2020

14 DAYS BEFORE:

12-2-2020

7 DAYS BEFORE:

12-9-2020

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RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: <b>EDWARD HUDACKO</b>			
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Court

1. This proceeding was heard on (date): **AUGUST 26, 2020** at (time): **8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.** in Dept.: **32** Room: **ZOOM**  
by Judge (name): **JONI HIRAMOTO** ☐ Temporary Judge  
On the order to show cause, notice of motion or request for order filed (date): **1/10/2020** by (name): **CHRISTINE HUDACKO**
- a. ☒ Petitioner/plaintiff present ☒ Attorney present (name): **NATHANIEL BIGGER**  
b. ☒ Respondent/defendant present ☒ Attorney present (name): **H. NATHAN JAMES**  
c. ☐ Other party present ☒ Attorney present (name): **DANIEL S. HARKINS**

**MINOR'S COUNSEL**  
**ALL APPEARANCES WERE BY ZOOM; PROCEEDINGS WERE TRANSCRIBED.**

**THE COURT ORDERS** HEARING VIA ZOOM AUTHORIZED BY EMERGENCY LOCAL RULES.

2. Custody and visitation/parenting time: As attached ☐ on form FL-341 ☒ Other ☐ Not applicable
3. Child support: As attached ☐ on form FL-342 ☐ Other ☒ Not applicable
4. Spousal or family support: As attached ☐ on form FL-343 ☐ Other ☒ Not applicable
5. Property orders: As attached ☐ on form FL-344 ☒ Other ☐ Not applicable
6. Attorney's fees: As attached ☐ on form FL-346 ☐ Other ☒ Not applicable
7. Other orders: ☒ As attached ☐ Not applicable
8. All other issues are reserved until further order of court.

9. ☒ This matter is continued for further hearing on (date): **12/16/2020** at (time): **8:30-10:00 AM** in Dept.: **32 / ZOOM**  
on the following issues: **LONG CAUSE HEARING ON RESERVED ISSUES**  
**USE THE SAME PERSONAL MEETING ID 633 639 9336 & PASSWORD 2qyWb4**  
**FOR ALL ZOOM HEARINGS IN DEPT. 32 UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE**

Date: **AUGUST 26, 2020**

Approved as conforming to court order.



JONI HIRAMOTO  
JUDICIAL OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR ☐ PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF ☐ RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT ☐ OTHER PARTY

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This court has jurisdiction to make child custody orders in this case under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (Fam. Code §§ 3400-3465). The responding party was given notice and an opportunity to be heard as provided by the laws of the State of California.

The country of habitual residence of the children is the United States.

If you (a party) violate this order, you may be subject to civil or criminal penalties, or both.

All orders not inconsistent with this order remain in full force and effect.

The parents attended Tier 1 confidential mediation on March 5, 2020 and no agreements were reached. The court reviewed the Tier 2 report of the interviews of the parents, the children and of Spencer's therapist dated August 24, 2020.

The court also reviewed the report of Minor's Counsel, Dan Harkins, dated August 14 2020. The court notes that the parties previously stipulated and the court ordered that Sanchez objections shall not apply to the report of minor's counsel. The court also reviewed the confidential document submitted by minor's counsel and ordered that it be sealed and retained in the confidential section of the court's file.

**PARENTS: CHRISTINE HUDACKO [MOTHER] v. EDWARD HUDACKO [FATHER]**

**CHILDREN: SPENCER HUDACKO (DOB 6/10/04) AGE 16**  
**WILL HUDACKO (DOB 6/01/06) AGE 14**

1. **LEGAL CUSTODY of WILL HUDACKO:** the parties agree and the court orders that the parties shall share joint legal custody of **Will Hudacko**.

- a. In exercising joint legal custody, the parents shall share in the responsibility, confer in good faith, and agree on matters concerning the health, education, and welfare of Will Hudacko. The parents must confer and agree in making decisions on the following matters:
  - i. Enrollment in or leaving a particular private or public school or daycare center.
  - ii. Will Hudacko participating in particular religious activities or institutions.
  - iii. Will Hudacko beginning or ending psychiatric, psychological, or other mental health counseling or therapy.
  - iv. Selecting a doctor, dentist, or other health professional for Will Hudacko (except in emergency situations).

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- v. Will Hudacko participating in organized extracurricular activities.
  - vi. Will Hudacko traveling out-of-country.
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- b. If a party does not obtain the consent of the party to those items in ¶ 1a (see above), which are granted as court orders:
    - i. He or she may be subject to civil or criminal penalties.
    - ii. The court may change the legal and physical custody of Will Hudacko.
  - c. Health-care notification. Each parent shall notify the other parent of the name, address, and telephone number of each health practitioner who examines or treats Will Hudacko; such notification must be made within 24 hours of the commencement of the first such treatment or examination.
  - d. Both parents' written consent or court order is required prior to the administration of any prescribed psychotropic medications for Will Hudacko. Upon receipt of written consent or court order, both parents shall administer psychotropic medications are prescribed.
  - e. Both parents are required to administer all prescribed non-psychotropic medications for Will Hudacko.
  - f. Except for any current court orders intended to protect the address of either parent who is the protected party of a restraining order, each parent shall have access to all medical and school records pertaining to Will Hudacko and shall be permitted to consult with any and all professionals involved with the children. Each parent shall be responsible for contacting the school(s) and medical provider(s) to receive information. Both parents shall have the right to supply information to all providers.
  - g. Each parent is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Will Hudacko, including but not limited to consent to emergency surgical procedures or treatment. The parent authorizing such emergency treatment shall notify the other parent as soon as possible of the emergency situation and of all procedures or treatment administered to Will Hudacko.
  - h. School Notification/Emergency Contact Forms. Except for any current court orders intended to protect the address of either parent who is the protected party of a restraining order, each party will be designated be

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designated on all of Will Hudacko's emergency contact forms as a person to be contacted in the event of an emergency regarding Will Hudacko.

- i. Name. Neither parent shall change the last name of Will Hudacko or have a different name used on Will Hudacko's medical, school, or other records without the written consent of the other parent.

2. **LEGAL CUSTODY OF SPENCER HUDACKO:** Mother shall be the sole temporary legal custodial parent of **Spencer Hudacko** and may make decisions on her own for **Spencer's health, education and welfare without Father's consent.**

Except for any current court orders intended to protect the address of either parent who is the protected party of a restraining order, **Father** shall have the right to obtain all otherwise confidential information regarding Spencer Hudacko's health, education and welfare. **Father** can exchange information with the Spencer Hudacko's school, childcare provider(s), doctor(s), dentist, coaches, tutors and therapist(s).

Mother must provide Father with a list of Spencer Hudacko's treating medical (including dental and mental health) professionals, coaches, teachers, and tutors, including name and contact information. Dan Harkins, minor's counsel representing Spencer Hudacko, may assist Father in having the providers contact Father.

Mother is not ordered specifically to provide Father with "updates" on a monthly or weekly basis. Mother may provide such information to Father at her discretion. Father may contact Spencer's doctors, teachers, etc., for information about Spencer. Father does not have a "right" to attend medical appointments for Spencer.

3. **PHYSICAL CUSTODY:**

- A. Father shall not have visitation with Spencer Hudacko unless it is in a therapeutic setting with Spencer's consent.
- B. Father shall temporarily provide care for Will Hudacko as follows. Every other week with the exchange at Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Father shall have the week beginning August 30, 2020.



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**Mother** shall provide the **children's** physical care when they are not otherwise court ordered or mutually agreed between the parents to be in **Father's** physical care.

4. **Minor's Counsel.** The parties agree and the court orders that Mr. Harkins shall continue to serve as minor's counsel for both children. Costs of minor's counsel shall be paid for by Father 70% and by Mother 30%.
5. **Reunification Therapy.** The parties agree and the court orders that the court's previous order that the parties participate in Reunification Therapy is rescinded. The parties are not required to participate in Reunification Therapy at this time.
6. **Individual Therapy for the children.**

The parties shall cooperate to ensure that Will continues to participate in individual therapy with Adam Moss at least twice a month, or with a different frequency, as recommended by the therapist.

Petitioner shall ensure that Spencer continues to participate in individual therapy with Lee Townsend at least twice a month, or with a different frequency, as recommended by the therapist.

7. **Services for Spencer Hudacko.**
  - a. Spencer shall be permitted to pursue the services provided by UCSF as to Spencer's gender identity, and shall be permitted to commence hormone therapy, if recommended by UCSF.
  - b. Spencer will not be permitted to undergo any gender identity related surgery until they are 18 years of age, absent a written agreement by both parties, Christine Hudacko and Edward Hudacko, or an order of the court.
  - c. Mother shall ensure that Spencer receives an annual physical examination by their medical physician. This has already occurred during the summer of 2020.
  - d. Spencer shall not be required to undergo a neuropsychological evaluation, unless recommended by UCSF.
  - e. Spencer shall not participate in any assessment by Dr. Craig Childress absent a written agreement by both parties, Christine Hudacko and Edward Hudacko, or a showing of a substantial change of circumstances and an order of the court.

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- e. Spencer shall not participate in any assessment by Dr. Kenneth Zucker absent a written agreement by both parties, Christine Hudacko and Edward Hudacko, or a showing of a substantial change of circumstances and an order of the court.
  - f. Spencer shall not participate in any assessment or services offered by Dr. Childress, Dr. Devita Singh, Dr. Zucker, Dorcy Pruter or Dr. Warshak absent a written agreement by both parties, Christine Hudacko and Edward Hudacko, or a showing of a substantial change of circumstances and an order of the court.
- 8. **Spencer's 529 account.** The issue of whether Edward Hudacko shall be ordered to replace, from community funds, the \$20,000 he removed from Spencer's 529 account and used to pay school tuition for both children shall be reserved for long cause trial. The court admonishes the parties that money from the 529 accounts should not be removed without the agreement of both parties or a court order.
  - 9. **Exclusive use and possession of the marital residence at 3030 Clinton Avenue, Richmond.** The parties agree and the court orders that exclusive use and possession of the marital residence shall be temporarily awarded to Respondent. The parties agree and the court orders that Respondent is admonished of his fiduciary duty to maintain the community asset and pay its obligations until otherwise agreed by the parties in writing or further order of the court.
  - 10. Petitioner may retrieve personal belongings from the marital residence with at least 24 hours' notice to the Respondent.
  - 11. The court declines to make an order regarding 2001 Chevy Camaro at this time.
  - 12. Respondent's request to order Petitioner to "obtain full-time employment immediately" is reserved for a long cause trial. Respondent's request to impute Respondent with \$200,000 income a year is reserved for a long cause trial. Jurisdiction is reserved to the date of Petitioner's filing.
  - 13. Respondent is admonished that he is not to drop Petitioner nor the children from any insurance coverage or policy. Coverage is to be maintained it was on December 31, 2019.


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14. Respondent's request for sanctions shall be reserved for long cause trial.
  15. Respondent is admonished to keep minor's counsel fees paid in a timely manner.
  16. **Holiday schedule for Will.** To be reserved for long cause trial. The court attaches, as a courtesy, a sample template for the parties to consider.
  17. The parties shall return to Dept. 32 (via Zoom – use the same Personal Meeting Id, **633 639 9336** and the same password, **2qyWb4**) on December 16, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for long cause trial on the issues specified above.

Date: August 26, 2020



  
Joni Hiramoto  
Judge of the Superior Court, Dept. 32

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**Sample Holiday Schedule for Will Hudacko**  
**(Not ordered by the court. The parties shall attempt to meet and confer prior to trial.)**

HOLIDAY	TIME	EVEN YEARS	ODD YEARS
Easter Sunday	9:00am until 8:00pm	Mother	Father
Mother's Day	9:00am until 8:00pm	Mother	Mother
Father's Day	9:00am until 8:00pm	Father	Father
July 4	9:00am on 7/4 until 9:00am on 7/5	Mother	Father
Thanksgiving	9:00am until 8:00pm	Father	Mother
Winter Break	Winter break shall be split in half each year. Mother shall have the half with Christmas Day in it during even years. Father shall have the half with Christmas Day in it during odd years.		
Child's Birthday	<b>To be celebrated on each parent's custodial time.</b>		
Parents' Respective Birthdays	<b>To be celebrated on each parent's custodial time.</b>		

## EXHIBIT B

4/10/23, 6:11 PM

Mail - Ted Hudacko - Outlook

**RE: Spencer update incl. both children's school progress reports**

Christine Hudacko <christinehudacko@yahoo.com>

Tue 9/29/2020 1:08 PM

To: Ted Hudacko <thudacko@rocketsciencesystems.com>

UCSF has the court order per their request. Their policy pertains to joint legal custody.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**From:** Ted Hudacko

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:23 AM

**To:** Christine Hudacko

**Subject:** Re: Spencer update incl. both children's school progress reports

Removing lawyers to reduce costs.

Re: UCSF, Dr. Ehrensaft, the director of mental health, finally returned my call made in July. She and I spoke briefly. She said UCSF policy is inclusion of both parents in meetings. I do not have the relevant zoom information.

**From:** Christine Hudacko <christinehudacko@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:12 AM

**To:** Ted Hudacko

**Cc:** dshark1@pacbell.net; Nathaniel Bigger; Nate James

**Subject:** Spencer update incl. both children's school progress reports

Hi Ted, Attached are both children's progress reports for the first term at St Mary's, in case you didn't yet see. They are both doing really well. St. Mary's remains very rigorous in their learning despite online learning environment, so their achievements are commendable.

RE our move, which you were notified about when I signed the lease earlier in the month, we will be moving into the condo later this week and expect our first night there to be Sat.

RE Spencer's health appointments, reminder that Spencer has an orthodontist check-up Tues., 10/6, and UCSF zoom meeting Tues., 10/13. Spencer continues to see Lee week on-week off.

Thanks,

Chris

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

# EXHIBIT C



**From:** Christine Hudacko christinehudacko@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** update on Spencer's health  
**Date:** October 18, 2021 at 7:47 PM  
**To:** Ted Hudacko thudacko@rocketsciencesystems.com  
**Cc:** Nathaniel Bigger nate\_bigger@yahoo.com, Daniel S. Harkins dshark1@pacbell.net

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Ted, Spencer has begun hormone therapy - testosterone blocker (Supprelin) via an implant and estrogen via pills (Estradiol). Spencer is doing well and happy to finally begin the process. I believe that Spencer has been very supported by UCSF and therapists over the past 12 months in determining this was the right step for them. Spencer continues to see Dr. Barrow to be supported. Insurance has paid for the vast majority of implant procedure and I sent UCSF a check for the balance (\$2035.64). I don't expect that you will pay for half given your disapproval of transitioning.

Spencer started HRT in Aug. and I waited to tell you to be able to report how it is going so far. I also waited because frankly I am concerned how you will react and potentially act out to our children and me. Friday night's incident of you harassing me, with Will witnessing some of it, confirms my concerns and that Will will have to resume therapy with Adam when football concludes.

-Chris

Sent from Mail for Windows

# EXHIBIT D



August 25, 2021

United Healthcare Services, Inc.  
 RICHARDSON/SPRGFLD SRVC CNTR  
 PO BOX 30555  
 ALTLAKE CITY, UT 84130-0555  
 Phone: 1-866-348-1286

Have more questions about your claim?  
 Visit [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)  
 for all your claim and benefit information.

### Claim Detail for SPENCER HUDACKO

Provider: J LEE

Claim Number: CW3504121601

Patient Account Number: [REDACTED]

Date(s) of Service	Type of Service	Notes*	Amount Billed	Plan Discounts	Amount Allowed	Your Plan Paid	Your Itemized Responsibility to Provider				Amount You Owe**
							Deductible	Copay	Coinsurance	Non-Covered	
08/04/2021	SURGERY	D1	\$745.00	\$21.21	\$723.79	\$651.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.38	\$0.00	\$72.38
Claim Total:			\$745.00	\$21.21	\$723.79	\$651.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.38	\$0.00	\$72.38

\*\*This total does not reflect any payments / copays you made at the time of service or purchase. Please wait for a provider bill before making a payment.

### Notes\*

Please note that appeal deadlines have been extended until further notice due to COVID-19. You should consult with your employer and visit the US Department of Labor website at [dol.gov](http://dol.gov) for more information and additional notices about the deadline extensions and how they may apply to you.

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Because your family deductible has been satisfied, your remaining individual deductible has been adjusted to \$0. The coinsurance period of your plan has begun for all covered members of your family.

A review of this benefit determination may be requested by submitting your appeal to us in writing at the following address: UnitedHealthcare Appeals, P.O. Box 740816, Atlanta, GA 30374-0816. The request for your review must be made within 180 days from the date you receive this statement. If you request a review of your claim denial, we will complete our review not later than 30 days after we receive your request for review.

Your plan is governed by ERISA. You may have the right to file a civil action under ERISA if all required reviews of your claim have been completed.

You or your authorized representative, such as a family member or physician, may appeal the decision by submitting comments, documents or other relevant information to the appeal address referenced above.

You may request copies (free of charge) of information relevant to your claim by contacting us at the above address.

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Use this EOB statement as a reference or retain as needed

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# EXHIBIT E

Name: Gemma Hudacko | DOB: 6/10/2004 | MRN: 45479935 | PCP: Eileen G. Aicardi, MD

## Letter Details (Gemma)

**UCSF Health** **UCSF Pediatric Endocrine**  
 1825 4TH ST FL 6  
 SAN FRANCISCO CA 94158-2515  
 Phone: 415-353-7337 | Fax: 415-476-8214

February 17, 2021

**Patient:** Spencer Hudacko (AKA: Gemma) [MRN: 45479935]  
**Date of Birth:** 6/10/2004  
**Date of Visit:** 2/17/2021

**UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Child and Adolescent Gender Clinic (CAGC)**

### PUBERTAL BLOCKERS

#### Parent or Guardian Consent

Before considering a medication for your child to put puberty "on hold", there are several things you need to know. There are possible advantages, disadvantages and risks with pubertal blockers. We have listed them here for you. It's important that you understand all of this information before your child begins the medication.

Please read the following carefully and ask us any questions. We want you to be very comfortable and sure of what pubertal blockers offer your child. We have a simpler version that we ask recommend you and your child read together.

After your questions or concerns are addressed and you have decided to proceed with the pubertal blocker medication for your child, both you will need to sign this information and consent form. You and your child will also need to sign the consent form that you read with your child.

#### What are the different medications that can help to stop the physical changes of puberty?

The main way that the physical changes of puberty can be put on hold is by blocking the

signal from the brain to the organs that make the hormones of puberty. These hormones are estrogen and testosterone. Estrogen is made by the ovaries. Testosterone is made by the testes.

The medications are called Pubertal Blockers or GnRH agonists. Examples include **leuprolide acetate injections (1, 3, 4, 6 month), triptorelin injections (6 months), or histrelin subcutaneous implants (1-2 year)**. This medication is effective for both males and females. They can be started just after the early physical changes of puberty, or anytime after puberty has started.

For transgender girls, there are alternative medicines that can block the effect of testosterone. The most common medication of this type is an oral tablet called **spironolactone**. There is a separate consent form for this medication. Spironolactone is not as effective at blocking puberty in transgender girls, but it is much less expensive.

Every medication has risks, benefits, and side effects that are important to understand before starting. It is also important to know how they work.

### Medications for Blocking Puberty

#### I understand that:

Puberty Blockers are used to help temporarily suspend or block the physical changes of puberty.

Puberty blockers usually suppress puberty after one month of starting the medication.

This medication is not specifically made for the purpose of blocking puberty (they are not FDA approved for this purpose). In transgender youth, pediatric endocrinologists (children's doctors who work with hormones and puberty), recommend these medications if the physical changes of puberty need to be postponed. They have been in use for this purpose for many years.

The medication is not permanent. If my child stops the puberty blocker, my child's body will restart the changes of puberty at the developmental stage they were at when they started the hormone blocker after about 6-12 months.

While taking these medications, my child's body will not be making the hormones of puberty (testosterone or estrogen).

While taking these medicines, my child may be avoiding the unhappiness and trauma of unwanted puberty, giving your child the opportunity to develop in their affirmed gender, with a better fit between body and mind.

Puberty blockers may avoid the need for surgeries and other treatments (i.e. mastectomies for transmen, tracheal shaving or electrolysis for transwomen) that would be required to try to reverse the effects of puberty.

Taking puberty blockers may also improve safety and integration into society when

transgender girls are adults. This is because transgender women who underwent male puberty are often unable to 'pass' as female because of irreversible changes that male puberty causes.

It is recommended that my child and family participate in therapy with a therapist experienced in gender issues while my child is taking the hormone blocker .

### **Risks of Puberty Blockers**

#### **I understand that:**

The side effects and safety of puberty blockers are not completely understood. There may be long-term risks that are not yet known.

My child will likely not have a pubertal growth spurt while on pubertal blockers alone. In transgender boys, delaying the onset of puberty may actually make them slightly taller if the growth plates are open.

There may be a delay of typical adolescent cognitive or brain development while on these medicines. This will resume when not taking the blocker.

The normal increase of **bone mineral density** that occurs during puberty is likely to be reduced while on pubertal blockers. Bone mineral density will continue to increase at a prepubertal rate while on puberty blockers. We expect that bone mineral density will be normal compared to peers either when pubertal blockers are discontinued, or when pubertal blockers are combined with cross-sex hormones (estrogen/testosterone). However, the long term effects of puberty blockers that are used alone are not completely understood.

Blocking puberty at an early stage will likely limit the potential for **fertility**. Options for fertility preservation have been discussed with my provider.

Puberty blockers will stop the development of puberty in my child and other people may notice. As my child becomes older, this may become more apparent.

Some transgender people have experienced harassment and discrimination. I can get resources that will support my child and family. I may have to advocate for my child to participate safely and free from harassment in schools and other activities.

I can ask my child's provider and therapist for help advocating for my child.

### **Prevention of Medical Complications**

#### **I understand that:**

My child should take puberty blocking medication as prescribed. I will tell my child's health care provider if my child has any problems or side effects or is unhappy with the medication.

My child needs periodic clinic visits to make sure that my child is responding appropriately



to the puberty blocker.

Puberty blockers are used off label for blocking puberty in patients with gender dysphoria. I know this means it is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for this specific use. I know that the medication that is recommended for my child is based on the judgment and experience of our health care provider and is supported by the Society of Pediatric Endocrinology and World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH).

My child can choose to stop taking these medications at any time. If my child decides to do that, I will stop the medications with the help of my health care provider.

**My signatures below confirm that:**

- My child's health care provider has talked with me about:
  - the benefits and risks of puberty blockers for my child.
  - the possible or likely consequences of using puberty blockers.
  - potential alternative treatments.
- The information in this form includes the known effects and risks. There may be unknown long-term effects or risks.
- I have had enough opportunity to discuss treatment options with my child's health care provider.
- All of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
- My child is in agreement with this treatment and the signature of my child on the Child's Puberty Blocker consent form attests to this agreement.
- My signature attests to your consent for your child to begin the Puberty Blocker.

**My signature below confirms that:**

1. • I understand the potential benefits and risks of puberty blockers (GnRH agonists), the possible or likely consequences of puberty blocker therapy, and potential alternative treatment options.
2. • I understand that this form covers known effects and risks and that there may be long-term effects or risks that are not yet known.
3. • I have discussed puberty blockers with my provider, received sufficient information to make a decision, and all my questions are answered.
4. • I agree to the monitoring plan of care, including regular medical visits with a CAGC provider (every 3-6 months) and blood tests (every 6-12 months), and imaging such as bone density scan or bone age x ray (every 1-2 years). Failure to follow the monitoring plan of care may result in discontinuation of the puberty blocker prescription.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do want my child to begin receiving GnRH agonist (puberty blocker) medication.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish my child to begin taking puberty blocking medication at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prescribing clinician signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Gemma Hudacko, 2/17/2021 11:05 AM

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# EXHIBIT F

LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL S. HARKINS  
PO BOX 1677  
DANVILLE, CA 94526-6677

APRIL 30, 2022  
PLEASE PAY \$1,184.49 BY  
05/23/2022  
THANK YOU

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT TO:

EDWARD HUDACKO  
THUDACKO@ROCKETSCI [REDACTED]

LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL S. HARKINS  
PO BOX 1677  
DANVILLE, CA 94526-6677

CLIENT #2140

HUDACKO E MINOR'S COUNSEL  
PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT OF \$1,184.49  
HUDACKO E MINOR'S COUNSEL

INVOICE #029119

CLIENT #2140

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**HUDACKO MINOR'S COUNSEL**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SINCE THE LAST STATEMENT**

	HOURS	FEES
06/29/20 DSH E-MAIL TO COUNSEL, REVIEW ORDERS	4.90	\$1,592.50
07/02/20 DSH READ PLEADINGS PROVIDED	0.70	\$227.50
07/05/20 DSH CALL WITH SPENCER	0.21	\$68.25
07/06/20 DSH E-MAIL FROM MR. JAMES, SKIM MATERIALS ATTACHED	0.35	\$113.75
07/16/20 DSH E-MAILS IN RE RECORDS-L. TOWNSEND	0.21	\$68.25
07/16/20 DSH READ COURT TRANSCRIPT (PARTIAL)	0.25	\$81.25
07/17/20 DSH CALL WITH LEE TOWNSEND AND SPENCER	0.28	\$91.00
07/17/20 DSH CALL WITH NATE JAMES	0.70	\$227.50
07/22/20 DSH CALL FROM DAVID FRIEDMAN	0.70	\$227.50
07/24/20 DSH ZOOM MEETING WITH WILL	0.35	\$113.75
07/24/20 DSH READ DR. TOWNSEND NOTES	0.70	\$227.50
07/28/20 DSH CALL WITH DR. EHRENSAFT	0.35	\$113.75
07/28/20 DSH READ DR. SINGH'S DECLARATION	1.26	\$409.50
08/03/20 DSH RESEARCH DR. CHILDRESS ATTACHEMENT	0.35	\$113.75
08/04/20 DSH CALL WITH MS. HUDACKO AND COUNSEL	1.05	\$341.25
08/07/20 DSH CALL WITH MR. MOSS	0.21	\$68.25
08/10/20 DSH RESEARCH; READ PLEADINGS, READ INFO	1.40	\$455.00
08/11/20 DSH CALL WITH SPENCER	0.21	\$68.25
08/11/20 DSH MEETING WITH RESPONDENT AND COUNSEL	1.30	\$422.50
08/12/20 DSH E-MAILS FROM MR. JAMES; REPLY	0.21	\$68.25
08/12/20 DSH DRAFT MINORS REPORT	1.75	\$568.75
08/13/20 DSH CALL WITH DR. EHPSSENSAEFT- SECOND CALL	0.35	\$113.75
08/14/20 DSH REVISE REPORT, PREPARE CONF. DOCUMENT	0.49	\$159.25
08/17/20 DSH PREPARE SUPPLEMENT TO MCR	0.28	\$91.00
08/17/20 DSH READ REPLY DECLARATION FROM PETITIONER	0.14	\$45.50
08/18/20 DSH CALL WITH WILL HUDACKO	0.28	\$91.00
08/20/20 DSH READ RESPONDENT'S REPLY DECLARATION	0.28	\$91.00
08/20/20 DSH CALL WITH SPENCER	0.52	\$169.00
08/25/20 DSH SUPERIOR COURT APPEARANCE	1.40	\$455.00
08/25/20 DSH PREPARE FOR HEARING	0.49	\$159.25

**HUDACKO MINOR'S COUNSEL**

09/14/20	DSH CALL FROM LEE TOWNSEND	0.21	\$68.25
09/21/20	DSH E-MAIL FROM NATE J, REPLY, E-MAIL TO NATE F	0.28	\$91.00
09/23/20	DSH E-MAIL FROM LEE TOWNSEND	0.14	\$45.50
10/05/20	DSH E-MAIL FROM MR. JAMES (2), REPLY	0.35	\$113.75
10/07/20	DSH E-MAILS FROM NATE JAMES, REPLY	0.35	\$113.75
10/07/20	DSH PREPARE EX PARTE REQUEST FOR ORDER	1.05	\$341.25
10/12/20	DSH PREPARE RESPONSE TO RESPONDENTS EX PARTE	0.21	\$68.25
11/02/20	DSH READ TED'S LETTER TO UCSF	0.21	\$68.25
11/05/20	DSH PREPARE RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ORDER	0.24	\$78.00
11/06/20	DSH E-MAIL TO PARTIES AND COUNSEL	0.14	\$45.50
11/09/20	DSH READ RESPONDENT'S REPLY, BRIEF, EXPERT DISCLOSURE	0.56	\$182.00
11/12/20	DSH PREPARE FOR HEARING	0.35	\$113.75
11/13/20	DSH SUPERIOR COURT APPEARANCE	1.05	\$341.25
11/30/20	DSH DRAFT NOTICE- NON EXPERT WITNESS	0.14	\$45.50
12/07/20	DSH DRAFT HEARING BRIEF	0.36	\$117.00
12/07/20	DSH PREPARE RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S EX PARTE	1.05	\$341.25
12/15/20	DSH REVIEW RESPONDENT'S BRIEF AND EXHIBITS	0.56	\$182.00
12/15/20	DSH PREPARE FOR HEARING	0.35	\$113.75
12/16/20	DSH SUPERIOR COURT APPEARANCE	3.85	\$1,251.25
02/01/21	DSH DRAFT RESPONSE TO 2/18/21 REQUEST FOR ORDER	0.42	\$136.50
02/03/21	DSH READ PETITIONER'S RESPONSE	0.28	\$91.00
02/05/21	DSH E-MAILS REGARDING DROPPING HEARING	0.21	\$68.25
02/17/21	DSH CALL WITH DR. EHRENSAFT	0.14	\$45.50
02/24/21	DSH CALL WITH MR. TOWNSEND	0.35	\$113.75
04/14/21	DSH E-MAIL FROM MR. BIGGER, CALL WITH MR. TRIANO	0.21	\$68.25
05/11/21	DSH E-MAIL FROM MOTHER, CALL WITH COUNSEL	0.21	\$68.25
05/12/21	DSH READ TEXT EXCHANGE BETWEEN SPENCER AND DAD	0.14	\$45.50
05/12/21	DSH E-MAIL TO CLIENTS	0.07	\$22.75
05/13/21	DSH CONFERENCE CALL WITH COUNSEL	0.35	\$113.75
05/14/21	DSH TELEPHONE CALL WITH CLIENT SPENCER	0.35	\$113.75
05/26/21	DSH E-MAIL FROM MS. HUDACKO	0.05	\$16.25
07/22/21	DSH RESEARCH SPENCERS ISSUE	0.28	\$91.00
08/26/21	DSH CALL WITH COUNSEL	0.09	\$29.25
08/30/21	DSH COURT APPEARANCE	0.15	\$48.75
11/11/21	DSH E-MAIL FROM MR. HUDACKO, CALL FROM MR. HUDACKO	0.21	\$68.25
11/29/21	DSH REVIEW HOSPITAL BILL	0.21	\$68.25
11/29/21	DSH TELEPHONE CALL WITH CLIENT-SPENCER	0.35	\$113.75
12/01/21	DSH CALL FROM COUNSEL READ T.R.O	0.28	\$91.00
12/14/21	DSH E-MAIL FROM COUNSEL; MULTIPLE	0.21	\$68.25
01/07/22	DSH READ RESPONDENTS RFO/OST	0.21	\$68.25
01/10/22	DSH PREPARE RESPONSE TO RFO/OST	1.05	\$341.25
02/14/22	DSH LETTER TO COUNSEL	0.35	\$113.75
02/17/22	DSH E-MAIL EXCHANGE WITH COUNSEL	0.14	\$45.50
02/18/22	DSH CALL FROM MS. CAMPBELL	0.14	\$45.50
03/23/22	DSH E-MAIL EXCHANGE, E-MAIL CLIENT	0.21	\$68.25
03/30/22	DSH CALL WITH GEMMA	0.21	\$68.25
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>39.99</b>	<b>\$12,996.75</b>

SUMMARY OF HOURS, RATES AND FEES  
DSH DANIEL S. HARKINS, ESQ.

**RATE PER HOUR**  
\$325.00

2.55 \$828.75

**HUDACKO MINOR'S COUNSEL**  
**SUMMARY OF HOURS, RATES AND FEES**

**RATE PER HOUR**  
**\$325.00**

**37.44 \$12,168.00**

DSH DSH

**LATE PAYMENT CHARGES SINCE THE LAST STATEMENT**

08/20/20	LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF 10.00 % ON UNPAID BALANCE OF \$2,470.00.	\$20.58
11/22/20	REVERSE LATE FEES	-\$0.75
11/23/20	LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF 10.00 % ON UNPAID BALANCE OF \$90.25.	\$0.75
01/26/22	LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF 10.00% ON UNPAID BALANCE OF \$250.25.	\$1.98
02/23/22	LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF 10.00% ON UNPAID BALANCE OF \$409.50.	\$3.14
03/28/22	LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF 10.00% ON UNPAID BALANCE OF \$1,023.75.	\$9.25
04/30/22	LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF 10.00% ON UNPAID BALANCE OF \$1,092.00.	\$9.87
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$44.82</b>

**PAYMENTS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST STATEMENT**

09/11/20	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$6,449.08
10/08/20	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$682.50
10/09/20	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$682.50
12/04/20	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$919.75
01/06/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$2,050.75
03/12/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$341.25
04/08/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$113.75
05/08/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$68.25
06/02/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$364.00
07/21/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$16.25
09/24/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$91.00
11/09/21	PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED. THANK YOU!	\$78.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$11,857.08</b>

**STATEMENT SUMMARY**

BALANCE FROM THE LAST STATEMENT:	\$0.00
PLUS CHARGES LISTED ABOVE:	\$13,041.57
MINUS PAYMENTS SINCE THE LAST STATEMENT:	-\$11,857.08
<b>TOTAL BALANCE DUE:</b>	<b>\$1,184.49</b>

# EXHIBIT G



Name: Gemma Hudacko | DOB: 6/10/2004 | MRN: 45479935 | PCP: Eileen G. Aicardi, MD

**A Note to Patients:** Symptoms are concisely summarized to inform treatment recommendations. For reasons of privacy and brevity, this note does not attempt to capture all experiences that were discussed.

## Progress Notes

Stephen M Rosenthal at 6/8/2021 4:00 PM

### Subjective:

Subjective

#### Chief Complaint

Patient presents with

- Follow-up

I performed this evaluation using real-time telehealth tools, including a live video Zoom connection between my location and the patient's location. Prior to initiating, the patient consented to perform this evaluation using telehealth tools.

HPI 16 y.o. 11 m.o. transgender female.

Checklist complete for starting E2 (prefers estrace) and histrelin.

Pt's mother in contact with Asaf Orr. Mother and pt have separate attorneys who are navigating complex family situation; in particular insurance issues, as pt is currently using father's insurance and father is not supportive of pt's gender care. Mother has complete medical custody

Patient's allergies, medications, past medical, surgical, family and social histories were reviewed and updated as appropriate.

Review of Systems

### Objective:

Objective

There were no vitals taken for this visit.

#### Physical Exam

#### HENT:

Head: Normocephalic.

#### Neurological:

Mental Status: He is alert.

Psychiatric:

Mood and Affect: Mood normal.

**Lab Review:**

not applicable

**Assessment:**

Assessment

16 y.o. 11 m.o. transgender female.

Checklist complete for transition.

Awaiting resolution of insurance issues and family issues as noted above.

**Plan:**

Plan

Mother is working with her attorney, Gemma's attorney and Asaf Orr, JD--everyone is working together to achieve resolution in near future.

Mother will keep J. Cohen, LCSW, informed of situation.

follow up to be arranged.

**I spent a total of 40 minutes on this patient's care on the day of their visit excluding time spent related to any billed procedures. This time includes time spent with the patient as well as time spent documenting in the medical record, reviewing patient's records and tests, obtaining history, placing orders, communicating with other healthcare professionals, counseling the patient, family, or caregiver, and/or care coordination for the diagnoses above.**

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EYE ON THE NEWS

## Child Custody's Gender Gauntlet

Transgender ideology has already achieved a powerful hold on our court system—and parents and children are paying the price.

Abigail Shrier

February 7, 2022

Before she decided to strip him of all custody over his son, Drew\*—before determining that he would have no say in whether Drew began medical gender transition—California Superior Court Judge Joni Hiramoto asked Ted Hudacko this: “If your son [Drew] were medically psychotic and believed himself to be the Queen of England, would you love him?”

“Of course I would,” the senior software engineer at Apple replied, according to the court transcript. “I’d also try to get him help.”

“I understand that qualifier,” Judge Hiramoto replied. “But if it were—if you were told by [Drew’s] psychiatrist, psychologist that [Drew] was very fragile and that confronting him—or, I’m sorry, confronting *them* with the idea that they are not the Queen of England is very harmful to their mental health, could you go along and say, ‘OK, [Drew], you are the Queen of England and I love you; you are my child and I want you to do great and please continue to see your psychologist.’ Could you do that?”

“Yes,” Hudacko said. “That sounds like part of a process that might take some time, sure.”

“What process?” Judge Hiramoto said. “What is the thing that might take some time? Accepting the idea that [Drew] occupies an identity that you believe is not true?”

“The identity you just mentioned to me was the Queen of England,” Ted began. “I can tell him and I can affirm that to him, to reassuring him situationally; but objectively, he is not the Queen of England and that won’t change, and even the therapist in that case would know that.”

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The then-54-year-old father of two teenage minor sons (Drew is the elder) felt that he was walking into a trap. For Ted, precision is not merely a requirement for his job but almost a constitutional necessity. His recall of every fact, date, and filing of the complicated court proceedings involving him and his ex-wife is astoundingly accurate—the sort of feat you might expect from a brilliant lawyer, not a distraught father battling the legal system alone for his son.

But at this point in the child-custody hearings, Ted couldn't understand what the judge wanted from him. His soon-to-be-ex-wife, Christine, then an executive at the investment firm BlackRock, had already agreed to shared custody of their younger son; no one—not even this judge—seemed to believe that he was anything like an unfit father.

Ted isn't a particularly devout Episcopalian, and he describes his politics as libertarian. He's athletic, health-conscious, and takes a keen interest in his sons' talents. He coached their baseball teams and researched conservatory programs for Drew, already an accomplished pianist. Just one year earlier, Ted had been one-half of a Bay Area power couple with high-status careers and precocious kids. Now, he was one-half of a contentious divorce, presided over by a judge who was referring to Drew as “they” and pressing Ted to accept that his 16-year-old son was actually a girl.

“And do you think that being transgender is a sin?” Judge Hiramoto asked, according to the transcript.

“No, of course I don't think it's a sin.”

“So you don't think that it's a sin. But you probably think that [Drew], if they are truly transgender, you would prefer that [Drew] not be transgender because in our society transgender people are the subject of a lot of discrimination. Would you agree with that?”

“I agree that transgender people suffer some discrimination and prejudice. I agree with that,” he said.

“I'm sort of going off the parallel experiences that I've read about or heard in family court or in family law classes for judges where gay children come out to their parents,” the judge said. “And sometimes it is difficult for the parents because they believe that the identity of being gay or lesbian, in their religion, is a sin. And then some people don't feel that it's a sin, but they say—they take a different angle, and they say, I just would prefer my child not to be gay or lesbian because they suffer so much discrimination in our society.

“So I'm sort of asking these parallel questions to see what is your—what I see in the papers is that you think that [Drew] is not truly transgender and that they are merely confused and—”

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"He might be transgender," Ted said. "He might be."

"Okay. So if [Drew] might be transgender, it's just to say they might."

Ted realized his error and corrected himself: he had used the "he" pronoun because he remained deeply skeptical that the boy he'd coached in little league—the son he'd once seen crushing on a cute girl in his fifth-grade class—was actually a young woman.

"They might be," Ted said. "[Drew]—they might be. Might be. We don't know."

While trying to keep an open mind about Drew's gender, Ted was adamant to the judge that he did not want Drew to begin medical transition. In the 312 days since he had last seen his boy, Ted had done a lot of research on medical transition and gender dysphoria. He begged the court to consider research that suggested puberty blockers could impair cognition and diminish bone density. He knew that Drew, if administered puberty blockers along with estrogen, would be at high risk of permanent infertility. He wasn't even sure that his son had gender dysphoria. He wanted to see his son—and he wanted this bullet train to slow down.

"It sounds to me that you would prefer that [Drew], when all is said and done, is just going through a phase. Is that a fair assessment?"

Ted evaded the question. Did he prefer that his son avoid a medically risky regimen that would render him permanently infertile and make him a lifetime medical patient? Wouldn't anyone?

In the three years I've spent writing about families with transgender-identifying minors, the story of Ted Hudacko stood out as a case study of how gender ideology has infiltrated family law. It also frames the unintended consequences of medical professionals' fudging science, rewriting medical definitions, and tolerating shoddy research to placate activists. At each stage, doctors may have thought: Where was the harm? And so, as a consequence, judges now decide the fate of children and their families based on phony, medically unsubstantiated metaphysics, as if it were factual that all adolescents have an immutable, ineffable "gender identity," knowable only to the adolescents themselves.

On June 24, 2020, following her discussion with Ted about the Queen of England hypothetical, Judge Joni Hiramoto granted Christine sole legal custody of Drew on a temporary basis and approved the shared legal and physical custody arrangement of their younger son. She assured Ted that her order was not yet permanent. Judge Hiramoto had decided to order the appointment of a minor's counsel to investigate how the boys were faring before making any permanent decisions. She already had the perfect person in mind. "I actually know of one who was previously appointed by the court, by a

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different judge, on a case involving children that were allegedly transgender,” she said. That minor’s counsel was attorney Daniel Harkins.

Ted didn’t know it yet, but the appointment of Harkins would place the final nail in the coffin of his parental rights. Within just a few months, the court would definitively end Ted’s parental relationship. He would have no right to see Drew, no right to talk to him, no right to demand that Drew attend therapy with him, and absolutely no right to stop a medical transition already planned by the Child and Adolescent Gender Center of UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital.

And finally, the court also felt that Ted had no right to know that Judge Hiramoto had a transgender child of her own, whose gender transition she had publicly supported. No one disclosed this information to the parties.

I first spoke to Ted in May 2021, after Judge Hiramoto—following the recommendation of minor’s counsel—had stripped him of all custody of Drew. Ted was leaning heavily on support groups just to get himself through the day. He compared himself to the morose Edward Norton character from the movie *Fight Club*, who attends multiple support groups to relieve his depression and insomnia. “I’m in six support groups,” Ted said, laughing a little at himself.

Ted estimated that he had spent only 75 minutes total with Drew in the previous 12 months. His wounds were raw. Part of him wanted to blast his story across America, but he also worried that he might lose any remaining chance to see his son again if he did so. He had dismissed his attorney, who had failed to restore any of Ted’s rights, notwithstanding \$25,000 in legal fees. For four months, Ted had been representing himself in court, filing motion after motion, attempting to terminate the appointment of the minor’s counsel (denied), pleading the court for more access to his son (also denied). The man I spoke to was distraught, half in shock, like someone arriving home from work to find his house being bulldozed.

The whole notion that Drew might be transgender still seemed bizarre to Ted—a fantasy told about someone else, bearing no connection to him. Even his divorce still seemed more like a nightmare than waking life. Sure, Christine had been distant in their marriage for some time, Ted told me, but that was easy to explain: for more than a year, she had been distracted by tragedy. In 2018, Christine’s sister had been stabbed 23 times at her workplace by her own estranged husband, who had recently been discharged from an inpatient mental-health facility. Christine spent the next year shuttling from the Bay Area to upstate New York to aid her sister’s recovery and provide evidence to strengthen the district attorney’s attempted murder prosecution. For the sentencing phase of the criminal trial—in June and July 2019—Christine stayed on the East Coast with both boys.



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Ted was then fully preoccupied with a grueling six-week project for Apple. He hadn't slept well in weeks, he says. On a Saturday in August 2019, shortly after returning from upstate New York with the boys, Christine walked into Ted's home office and announced both that she was leaving and that their son Drew was transgender. By his own admission, Ted became angry. He believed Christine must have talked Drew into this during their weeks together in upstate New York. Ted says he begged to have this conversation after he had gotten some sleep. But Christine walked out, taking the kids to stay with her at a neighbor's house.

"Saturday, when she left, I was under the impression, mistaken impression, that, you know, she simply temporarily left," he said. "You know, maybe going out to get some fresh air or to just get, you know, give us some space or maybe even have gone to see a movie. I just went upstairs. I didn't get up till the following morning."

Court documents reveal Ted's struggles with the court-appointed minor's counsel, Daniel Harkins. No part of his tragedy is more Kafkaesque.

Harkins met with both boys, interviewed Drew's therapist and both parents, and conducted two 90-minute interviews with Diane Ehrensaft of the UCSF Benioff Child and Adolescent Gender Clinic. Harkins also did some research on Ken Zucker, the Toronto-based psychologist and gender dysphoria specialist whom Ted preferred. Harkins never spoke with Zucker.

Zucker is arguably the world's leading expert on gender dysphoria. He oversaw the writing of the entry of the condition for the DSM-5, the most recent *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. He also helped write the most recent final "Standards of Care" guidelines for the World Professional Association of Transgender Health. (New final standards are forthcoming.)

Zucker is a practitioner of "watchful waiting," a method of exploratory therapy that considers gender as only one component of what may be causing a child's distress. Watchful waiting, to its proponents, is the more prudent approach to treating gender-dysphoric minors, as it recognizes that over 70 percent of kids with gender dysphoria typically outgrow it. In 2015, Zucker was fired from his clinic following an activist-led campaign to purge Canada of psychologists who opposed immediate "affirmation" and transitioning for kids experiencing gender dysphoria. (The hospital that fired Zucker and shuttered his clinic later publicly apologized to him and paid him nearly \$550,000, plus legal fees, for having smeared him and misrepresented his work.) Put simply, Zucker's approach directly contradicts the "affirmative" approach now in vogue, which places gender-dysphoric minors in the driver's seat of their own diagnosis and treatment. Harkins's preferred expert, Diane Ehrensaft, is a leading advocate of the affirmation-only approach, and Harkins appears to have accepted her views as dogma.

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By contrast, Harkins dismissed Zucker as a crank. “His views are controversial, and I have been informed are discredited in the psychological community,” Harkins wrote. As for Zucker’s approach—an attempt to encourage a child to grow more comfortable in his body by using psychotherapy to explore all his sources of distress—Harkins expressed concern that “his approach is a step away from what is referred to as conversion therapy, if not in fact conversion therapy.” That Zucker oversaw the writing of the very clinical definition of “gender dysphoria” that Harkins cites as authoritative in his report, Harkins does not mention.

Ted also supplied the court with an article by journalist Jesse Singal that explained Zucker’s work and told the story of the activist mob that claimed Zucker’s job. Harkins appears to have been unmoved: “Mr. Singal is clear that he is troubled by transgenders. He refers to Zucker’s work frequently in his articles. He has been criticized as trans-phobic. It is difficult to see why a journalist’s opinion should be given much weight,” Harkins wrote. Instead, Harkins seems to have uncritically adopted the view of a gender-medical provider who has staked her career on the existence of ineffable genders—the incongruence of which with biological sex can only be rectified through a combination of affirmation, hormones, and surgery.

Ted lost his cool during their interview, according to Harkins: “During the interview, with his attorney present, Father became very upset and stated that 5 years from now when [Drew] realizes he is [*sic*] mutilated himself, he will have to be there to pick up the pieces—not minor’s counsel.”

Ted’s outburst might strike many parents as reasonable. Who was this guy, freshly on the scene, to decide whether Ted could ever see his kid again and what pieces of Drew’s anatomy should be surgically removed? But Harkins read between the lines and discerned in Ted the wrong view of gender identity—namely, that it might not be immutable: “This is indicative of father’s view of [Drew’s] gender identity. It also gives us an insight as to his view in general about transgender people. He simply does not see this as a viable alternative. He is very frustrated that he has not been able to express all these ideas directly to [Drew].”

Based on the lengthy minor’s counsel report, Harkins gave Ted’s parenting a failing grade: “Father has not been accepting of [Drew’s] status as transgender. He has been quite clear that he does not accept that [Drew] is in fact transgender.”

It’s possible that Harkins has never met a father so “wrong” in all his views as Ted Hudacko. “Father has requested that a parental alienation assessment be performed by Dr. Craig Childress. First, it needs to be pointed out that parental alienation is not a proper or accepted term. The appropriate term is alignment. This means the child has aligned themselves with one parent and against the other.”

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As for Ted's proposal that a psychological expert in "parental alienation" compel Drew at least to talk to his father, Harkins can only tut-tut: "It is unfortunate but it appears that father is willing to use coercion in an attempt to force [Drew] to have a relationship with him instead of trying to accept [Drew], offer them unconditional love and listen to what he wants."

Even Ted's withdrawal from a 529 education-savings account to pay for Drew's prep school tuition becomes, in Harkins's report, further proof that Ted was "willing to use punitive measures to [sic] for [Drew] to communicate with him on his terms." In Harkins's book, Ted could simply not stop failing. "He is also not looking at [Drew] as an independent person." Drew was 16 at the time.

Harkins seems to have been offended by Ted's suspicion that Christine had influenced their son's new identity or turned Drew against him. Harkins wrote in his report: Ted "questioned whether [Drew] wrote communications to him because of the sophistication of the language," according to Harkins's report. "[Drew] confirmed he wrote those communications. He had some help on the grammar but the thoughts are all his." Harkins might have asked: Grammar help from whom? And was it help of a "not 'there' but 'they're' " variety, or more like, "Move over so I can type"?

Either way, Harkins crowned Christine the winner of the parenting contest and Ted the sore, mixed-up loser. "[Drew] is an independent very bright young person. Facing gender identity issues is difficult. I don't think anyone who has not gone through this process can truly understand how difficult it must be to feel [sic] that you are on [sic] the wrong body and you are willing to go through painful surgery to correct the problem. [Drew]'s mother has given him unconditional love. She reports when she asked father if he could give [Drew] unconditional love and he stated that he did not know what that was."

Summarizing matters as a gender-ideology-addled King Solomon might have, Harkins wrote: "These parents have a choice, they can either continue to believe that they should be in total control of their child's life or they can come to an understanding that those days are past and they need to work with their children and give their children some independence and the ability to make some of their own decisions." With the help of gender doctors who will profit handsomely from the procedures, of course.

Harkins's judgment was swift and ironclad: mom should retain full legal custody on a permanent basis and provide Ted updates, at her discretion, regarding matters that affect Drew's health, education, and welfare. Drew would commence hormone therapy, as directed by USCF. Judge Hiramoto made all this official. The only right that Ted seems to have retained is the power to prevent Drew from undergoing "any gender identity related surgery" before he turns 18, absent agreement of both parties.

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In October 2021, Ted was stunned by a \$209,820.34 charge on his insurance statement. When he wrote to Christine, she confirmed that a puberty-blocking implant had been inserted in Drew's arm months earlier and that Drew had begun a course of cross-sex hormones. The combination—if not soon stopped—would likely sterilize Drew. No one had asked Ted's permission for the procedure or even informed Ted of what had been done.

Ted responded to this news with a flurry of e-mails to Christine's attorney. He told Christine's lawyer that the medical procedure was in violation of a court order, and Christine was risking being held in contempt of court. A day later, Christine's lawyer filed a request for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order against Ted, alleging that he had spoken to his ex-wife "menacingly" at their younger son's football games. Ted was served with the temporary restraining order; California law now required him to relinquish all his firearms within 24 hours or potentially face felony charges. He quickly complied.

"It's like being a Rodeo clown or being a professional wrestler," Ted said to me recently, over the phone. "It's like, 'OK, now let's watch Ted get body-slammed. Now watch Joni Hiramoto put him in a headlock.' Now, for my next trick!"

Overwrought and perhaps a touch reckless, Ted joined the Apple Slack channel devoted to "trans kid parenting" and shared his outrage and concern about his son's medical transition and the risks involved. The other members chastised him and reported Ted to "Employee Relations," known everywhere else as "HR." Ted now worries for his job.

As for Judge Hiramoto's potential conflicts of interest, a check of social media reveals the following: On October 1, 2019, on a post of her biologically male child dressed in earrings and makeup, Judge Hiramoto comments: "Proud to be your mom." In May 2020, one month before Ted and Christine Hudacko appeared in court, Judge Hiramoto's son celebrated on Instagram his one-year anniversary coming out as a transgender female. On July 3, 2020—after Judge Hiramoto had entered her first provisional order granting Christine full custody, her transfeminine son posted on Instagram: "This is my first time wearing a bikini." Judge Hiramoto commented: "Beautiful!!"

On February 7, 2021, in another post of her transfeminine child in eye makeup and nail polish, holding up a sea urchin, Judge Hiramoto commented: "That mussel linguine was absolutely delicious! Thank you my darling daughter!!"

On February 9, 2021: "Love the colors and make up!!" And on February 20, 2021, on a post of her adult biological son made up in makeup, lashes and jewelry, with hashtags "#transisbeauatiful" and "#girlslkeus" and "#transvisibility," Judge Hiramoto writes "Sweet!" followed by clapping hands, heart-eyes, and fire emojis. (Judge Hiramoto posted no comments on the several photos in which her kid appears in bondage gear.)

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On her own Facebook page, on June 27, 2015, Judge Hiramoto reposted her picture with the Pride flag transposed over it. And in November 20, 2020, in response to California congressman Mark Takano's post in honor of "Transgender Day of Remembrance," Judge Hiramoto wrote: "Thank you for speaking up for those who face some of the harshest prejudice in our society." (I reached out to Judge Hiramoto, minor's counsel Daniel Harkins, and Christine Hudacko for comment; none of them responded to my e-mails.)

Whether one believes that Hiramoto's social media posts constitute admirable or appropriate parenting is irrelevant to whether any of these created a judicial duty to recuse or a duty to disclose. Without mentioning Judge Hiramoto's name, I consulted two judicial-ethics experts to determine a judge's specific ethical duty under the circumstances. Both experts agreed that while the duty to recuse is hard to establish, the duty to disclose is much broader. "The general rule of thumb with disclosure is that a judge should disclose to the parties anything that the parties would be likely to find relevant to the question of whether or not they should be seeking to recuse the judge," said Richard Flamm, author of the legal treatise *Judicial Disqualification: Recusal and Disqualification of Judges*. I asked him whether, in a custody case in which parents were fighting over whether to transition a minor son, the judge's having a transgender son of her own was something the parties were "likely to find relevant."

"Yeah, I mean, don't you?" Flamm said. "I think most people would think anything is relevant if it's on the same subject matter. So, I gave the example before of a judge who's been an accident victim presiding over a case involving a car accident—should disclose it. A judge who's had a child who was molested, if she's presiding over a case in which one of the parties is accused of molesting somebody's else child, she'd probably disclose that because the parties would find it relevant."

Judge Hiramoto may have had an ethical duty to disclose these facts to the parties. But the more I delved into the case, the more I realized that gender ideology has already achieved a powerful hold on our court system. It's possible that almost any family court judge, with or without a family conflict of interest, could have reached the same conclusions.

**A**t a February 2017 conference of the United States division of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (USPATH), an attendant asked two of the gender doctors—University of Southern California pediatrician Johanna Olson-Kennedy and Brown University professor of pediatrics Michelle Forcier—whether there was a way legally to compel parents to medically transition their children. "Even if you get a court order, the most protective factor for a good outcome is parental support. So it's not my first line to go to the court to get [a pediatric patient] what they need. But it is my second line and I will do it."



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"There's no precedent" for legally compelling parents, Forcier agreed. "But you can again work with the child protection team for medical neglect. Work with one parent, at least to get things started. And again, you can do some education."

In fact, Forcier added, "We did education with judges in Rhode Island. We spent half a day with family court judges, telling them this is what gender and transgender is."

The efforts of gender activists to educate family law practitioners have borne fruit. In another family court case in Arizona, parents lost custody of their troubled 15-year-old daughter when they refused to agree that she was, in fact, a boy. I spoke to the family lawyer involved in that case, Vernadette Broyles, who managed to obtain from the judge the court-wide "training" sessions she had received on transgender youth. The list, which I obtained, included four separate presentations by activists during the previous two years, in addition to lunch meetings hosted by the "LGBTQ Court-Involved Youth Committee." There is no indication that any of this judicial "training" included hearing from a single de-transitioner—that is, one of a fast-growing movement of young people who already regret their hasty medical transitions—nor from any of the parents who have watched their teens' lives made worse by a sudden gender swap, nor a single psychologist or psychiatrist who maintains skepticism about quick adolescent medical transition as a remedy.

"The problem is, when it's a court-wide training, even if you file a motion to recuse that particular judge, you have no guarantee that you'll be able to get in front of *any* judge that will give you impartial justice," Broyles said.

Judge Hiramoto referred twice in the transcript to the things she had learned in "judicial college" and "family law classes for judges." One thing she learned, it seems, was to refer to all adolescents whose gender identity is at issue as "they/them"—whether or not the gender identity was in dispute. Another thing Hiramoto learned, according to the transcript, was that gender, like sexual orientation, is immutable. Several times she pressed Ted, in several ways, on whether he could accept Drew if it turned out that Drew was "truly transgender."

This is gender ideology—the belief, not backed by any meaningful empirical evidence, that we all have an ineffable gender identity, knowable only to us. This identity has no observable markers, and it is immutable (until the moment we change our minds and reveal ourselves as "gender fluid," of course). It is promoted by virtually every practitioner of "gender-affirming care," it is unfalsifiable, and its hold on our legal system is gaining ground.

After years of lobbying by gender activists, the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), Tenth Revision, which went into effect in January of this year, eliminated the term "gender dysphoria." This standard international textbook of disease renames the condition "gender incongruence," and

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reclassifies it under “sexual health.” The psychological symptom—“distress”—no longer appears; according to the most authoritative diagnostic text used by doctors the world over, a once-mental condition is now just a physical one. One might forgive courts for assuming, then, that a physical problem must have a physical solution.

Courts are adopting this view and seeing a child who has a feeling of gender dysphoria as no different from one born with a cleft palate. From this perspective, the only relevant question in a custody dispute involving a transgender-identified minor is: When will you allow him to get the necessary surgery to fix his body? Once a court swallows gender ideology, in other words, judges will believe that the only thing left for a loving parent to do, after an adolescent announces a trans identity, is shuttle him to the doctors who will alter his body and contribute clapping-hands emojis to the photos he posts on Instagram.

As for the doctors and mental-health providers opposing the dogmatic insistences of gender ideology masquerading as science, only a handful are willing to write and fight under their own names: Will Malone, Julia Mason, Patrick Lappert, Paul Hruz, Dr. Paul McHugh, Dr. Stephen B. Levine. And, yes, Ken Zucker. The rest work anonymously, through new organizations that have not yet managed to loosen gender ideology’s grip on the courts.

**I**n January 2021, Judge Hiramoto transferred from Family Court of Contra Costa to the Criminal Division. For a year, Judge Wendy Coats presided over the Hudackos’ ongoing proceedings. Last Friday, Ted and Christine appeared before their new judge, Benjamin Reyes II. At issue: the temporary restraining order against Ted.

According to several witnesses, Judge Reyes commenced proceedings by stating his pronouns.

*\* The name has been changed for this article.*

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# EXHIBIT I



Name: Gemma Hudacko | DOB: 6/10/2004 | MRN: 45479935 | PCP: Eileen G. Aicardi, MD

**A Note to Patients:** Symptoms are concisely summarized to inform treatment recommendations. For reasons of privacy and brevity, this note does not attempt to capture all experiences that were discussed.

## Progress Notes

Dominique B at 8/4/2021 3:30 PM

Mom with pt. Pt calm, cooperative, asking appropriate questions. VSS. Tolerated procedure well. Both educated on after care. Verbalized understanding.

### **PROCEDURE CONSENT: THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE CAREGIVER AND PATIENT:**

1. Provider discussed the medication treatment, including the benefits and risks.
2. Procedure summary:
  - A. Patient preparation
  - B. Local anesthesia
  - C. Procedure
  - D. Aftercare
3. Potential Risks:
  - A. Infection
  - B. Allergic reaction
  - C. Pain
  - D. Bleeding
  - E. Extrusion
4. In the case of an accidental provider needle stick: patient consents to STI testing.

## Patient Instructions

Janet Yi Man Lee at 8/4/2021 3:30 PM

Start taking your estrace 2mg/day.

### **Patient Education:**

**The histrelin subcutaneous implant was inserted today. Due for removal/replacement by 08/04/2023.**

**Follow post insertion care instructions below.**

**Return: schedule follow-up visit in 2 months.**

**Please repeat the blood work at your preferred lab 1-2 weeks before the follow-up visit.**

**1. What is histrelin acetate (Supprelin LA or Vantas implants)?**

Supprelin or Vantas are gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists. It suppresses luteinizing hormone and follicle stimulating hormone (LH/FSH) and gonadal sex steroids estrogen and testosterone. As a result, puberty is suppressed. However, puberty will resume if the medication is discontinued.

The implant is 3.5 cm long and 3 mm wide.

**2. Transient worsening of symptoms of puberty** or onset of new symptoms may occur initially. However, within **4 weeks** of histrelin therapy, complete suppression of gonadal steroids occurs and manifestations of puberty decrease.

**3. Post Insertion Care:** refrain from getting the inserted arm wet for 24 hours and from strenuous exertion of the inserted arm for 7 days after implant insertion to allow the incision to fully close (avoid lifting > 25 lb or contact sports until healed). The bandage can be removed after 24 hours. You can take a shower at this point, but avoid submersing the site in water (bath or swimming) until healed. Do not remove the surgical strips; rather, the strips should be allowed to fall off on their own after several days. Once the incision has fully healed, you can resume full activities.

**Pain Control Post Procedure:** apply ice pack for 10 minutes immediately post procedure. You can take over the counter pain medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen as needed for pain. Please see your visit summary medication list for dose and frequency of pain medications.

**4. Common Adverse Reactions:** bruising, soreness, pain, tingling, itching, swelling at the insertion site. They usually go away without treatment by 2 weeks (typically sooner).

**5. Uncommon Adverse Reactions:** report to your provider any severe pain, bleeding, redness, or swelling in and around the implant site. Rarely, the implant can be expelled from the body through the original incision site. The site should be checked by the provider 1-2 weeks after the insertion. Serious and life-threatening reactions have happened with GnRH medicines, but these are very rare. Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room if you have trouble breathing, severe pain, or severe rash.

**6. Monitoring GnRH agonist therapy:** your provider will monitor LH/FSH/E2/T one month after the implant is placed and every 3-6 months. A DXA scan for bone mineral density will be done yearly if you are not taking estrogen or testosterone. The implant is FDA approved for 12 months of therapy. However, it will last up to two years in many people. Follow up with your provider regarding the appropriate time to remove/replace your implant.

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# EXHIBIT J

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use SUPPRELIN® LA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for SUPPRELIN LA.

**SUPPRELIN LA (histrelin acetate) subcutaneous implant**  
Initial U.S. Approval: 1991

-----**RECENT MAJOR CHANGES**-----

Warnings and Precautions (5.5)

04/2022

-----**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**-----

SUPPRELIN LA is a gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) agonist indicated for the treatment of children with central precocious puberty (CPP) (1).

-----**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**-----

The recommended dose of SUPPRELIN LA is one implant every 12 months. The implant is inserted subcutaneously in the inner aspect of the upper arm and provides continuous release of histrelin for 12 months of hormonal therapy (2).

-----**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**-----

SUPPRELIN LA is available as a 50 mg histrelin acetate subcutaneous implant which delivers approximately 65 mcg histrelin acetate per day over 12 months (3).

-----**CONTRAINDICATIONS**-----

- History of hypersensitivity to gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) or GnRH analogs (4).
- Pregnancy (4).

-----**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**-----

- Initial Agonistic Action: Initial transient increases of estradiol and/or testosterone may cause a temporary worsening of symptoms (5.1).

- Implant Breakage: Have been observed during implant removal. Monitor luteinizing hormone, follicle stimulating hormone or testosterone for suppression of CPP (5.2, 5.6)
- Psychiatric Events: Have been reported in patients taking GnRH agonists. Events include emotional lability, such as crying, irritability, impatience, anger, and aggression. Monitor for development or worsening of psychiatric symptoms. (5.3)
- Convulsions: Have been observed in patients receiving GnRH agonists with or without a history of seizures, epilepsy, cerebrovascular disorders, central nervous system anomalies or tumors, and in patients on concomitant medications that have been associated with convulsions. (5.4)
- Pseudotumor Cerebri (Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension): Have been reported in pediatric patients receiving GnRH agonists. Monitor patients for headache, papilledema, and blurred vision. (5.5)

-----**ADVERSE REACTIONS**-----

- The most common adverse reaction is implant site reaction (51.1%), including complications related to the insertion or removal of the implant (6).
- Adverse events related to suppression of endogenous sex steroid secretion may occur (6.1).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Endo Pharmaceuticals Solutions Inc. at 1-800-462-3636 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch)

-----**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**-----

Use of SUPPRELIN LA in children less than 2 years of age is not recommended (8.4).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

SUPPRELIN LA (histrelin acetate) subcutaneous implant is indicated for the treatment of children with central precocious puberty (CPP).

Children with CPP (neurogenic or idiopathic) have an early onset of secondary sexual characteristics (earlier than 8 years of age in females and 9 years of age in males). They also show a significantly advanced bone age that can result in diminished adult height attainment.

Prior to initiation of treatment a clinical diagnosis of CPP should be confirmed by measurement of blood concentrations of total sex steroids, luteinizing hormone (LH) and follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) following stimulation with a GnRH analog, and assessment of bone age versus chronological age. Baseline evaluations should include height and weight measurements, diagnostic imaging of the brain (to rule out intracranial tumor), pelvic/testicular/adrenal ultrasound (to rule out steroid secreting tumors), human chorionic gonadotropin levels (to rule out a chorionic gonadotropin secreting tumor), and adrenal steroids to exclude congenital adrenal hyperplasia.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Recommended Dose

The recommended dose of SUPPRELIN LA is one implant every 12 months. Each implant contains 50 mg histrelin acetate. The implant is inserted subcutaneously in the inner aspect of the upper arm and provides continuous release of histrelin acetate (65 mcg/day) for 12 months of hormonal therapy. SUPPRELIN LA should be removed after 12 months of therapy (the implant has been designed to allow for a few additional weeks of histrelin acetate release, in order to allow flexibility of medical appointments). At the time an implant is removed, another implant may be inserted to continue therapy. Discontinuation of SUPPRELIN LA should be considered at the discretion of the physician and at the appropriate time point for the onset of puberty (approximately 11 years for females and 12 years for males).

#### 2.2 Recommended Procedure for Implant Insertion and Removal

This procedure section is intended to provide guidance for the insertion and removal of SUPPRELIN LA. The actual procedure used, however, is at the discretion of the qualified healthcare provider performing the procedure.

Insertion of a new implant can proceed using the following **Suggested Insertion Procedure**. If a previous SUPPRELIN LA implant must first be removed, please see the **Suggested Removal Procedure** instructions below.

#### **Suggested Insertion Procedure**

The supplies necessary to insert the implant, including the Insertion Tool and local anesthetic, are provided in a separate Implantation Kit that is shipped along with the implant. Please note that the implant should be kept refrigerated (2-8°C) in its sealed vial, pouch, and carton, until needed for the procedure. Once removed from refrigeration, the vial containing the implant (still in its unopened pouch and carton) may remain at room temperature for up to 7 days, if necessary, before being used. If not used in that time, the packaged implant may again be properly refrigerated until the expiration date on the carton.

NOTE: The Implantation Kit is to be stored at room temperature and should *not* be refrigerated.

Insertion of the SUPPRELIN LA implant is a surgical procedure. Sterile gloves and aseptic technique must be used to minimize any chance of infection.

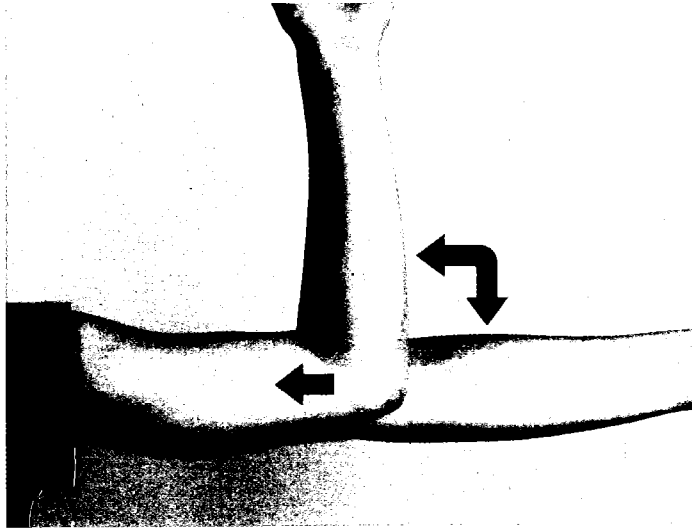
#### Setting up the Sterile Field

Using proper aseptic technique, the sterilized components of the Implantation Kit needed for the insertion procedure, including the Insertion Tool, are to be carefully dispensed from their packaging onto the Sterile Field drape (*non-fenestrated*) provided. NOTE THAT THE KIT BOX AND ALL PACKAGING ARE NOT STERILE and should be kept off of the Sterile Field drape. DO NOT PLACE THE VIAL OF LOCAL ANESTHETIC OR THE VIAL CONTAINING THE IMPLANT ONTO THE DRAPE as the exterior surface of these vials is not sterile.

The implant vial should not be opened until just before the time of insertion. Open the vial by removing the metal band and carefully pour the sterile contents (implant and sterile saline) onto the Sterile Field drape. The implant can then be handled with sterile gloves or with the sterile mosquito clamp provided. **AVOID bending or pinching the implant.**

Preparing the Patient and the Insertion Site

The patient should be on his/her back, ideally with the arm least used (e.g., left arm for a right-handed person) positioned, either bent or extended, so that the physician has ready access to the inner aspect of the upper arm. Propping the arm with pillows may help the patient more easily hold the position. The suggested optimum site for subcutaneous insertion is approximately half-way between the shoulder and the elbow, in line with the crease between the biceps and triceps muscles.

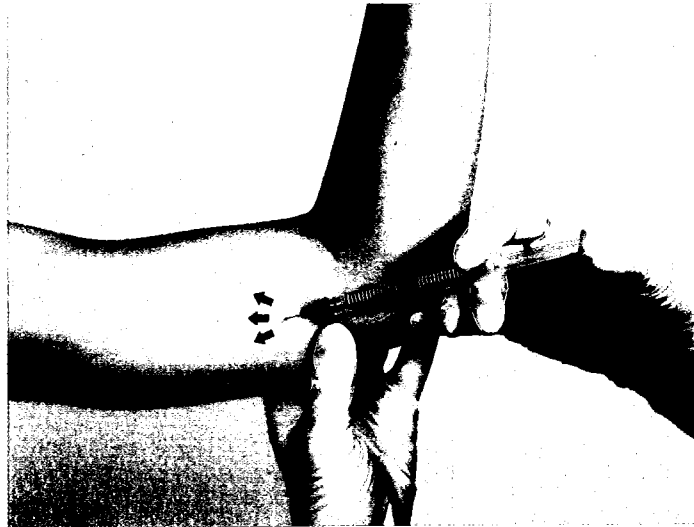
Antiseptic

Swab the insertion area with topical antiseptic, then overlay with the *fenestrated* Sterile Field drape provided, so that the opening is over the insertion site (for clarity of illustration, the following images do not show the drape).

Anesthetic

The method of anesthesia utilized (i.e., local, conscious sedation, general) is at the discretion of the healthcare provider.

If local anesthesia is selected: a vial of sterile local anesthetic (note that the exterior of the vial is not sterile) has been provided along with a sterile hypodermic needle for injection. After determining the absence of known allergies to the anesthetic agent, inject anesthetic into the subcutaneous tissue, starting at the planned incision site, then infiltrating along the intended subcutaneous insertion path, up to the length of the implant (a little more than one inch). Local anesthesia may also be supplemented by the use of distraction techniques.



*The following sections describe the suggested procedure for insertion of the implant using the Insertion Tool provided. The method of insertion used, however, is at the discretion of the healthcare provider performing the procedure.*

#### Loading the Insertion Tool

The sterile Insertion Tool is comprised of a fixed handle attached to a retractable, bevel-tipped cannula, into the chamber of which the implant is to be placed for subcutaneous insertion. The cannula can be extended and retracted. The fully extended cannula contains a fixed piston upon which the implant, once inserted, rests. During the final step of the insertion procedure, the cannula will be retracted into the handle using the slide mechanism (green button), thereby exposing and leaving the implant to remain in the subcutaneous tissue.

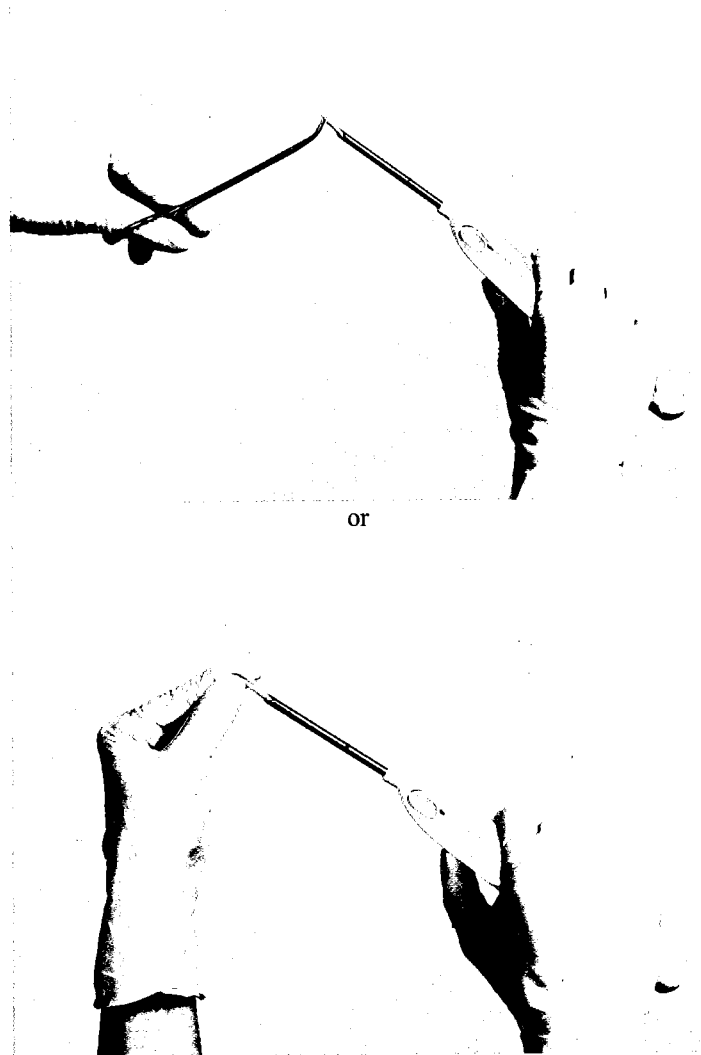
When first grasping the sterile Insertion Tool, confirm that the cannula is fully extended. Verify this by inspecting the position of the green retraction button. The button should be locked in position all the way forward, towards the cannula, farthest from the handle.



The implant can be picked up using sterile gloves or with the sterile mosquito clamp provided. Avoid bending or pinching the implant. Note that the implant may come out of its vial slightly curved and/or partially flattened after refrigerated storage. To help make the implant more symmetrical prior to loading into the Tool, you can roll the implant a few times (while wearing a sterile glove) between the fingers and thumb.



Insert the implant into the cannula of the Insertion Tool manually or using the mosquito clamp. When inserting the implant into the cannula, DO NOT FORCE the implant. If resistance is felt, the implant should be removed and manually manipulated or rolled as needed, and re-inserted into the cannula.



When fully inserted, the implant rests inside the cannula so that just the tip of the implant is visible at the beveled end of the cannula.

#### Making the Incision

Using the sterile scalpel provided, make an incision transverse to the long axis of the arm, and of a size adequate to allow the bore of the cannula to be inserted into the subcutaneous tissue. Be sure that the incision is positioned so that there is sufficient length of upper arm available to fit the implant easily within the intended insertion space.



#### Inserting the Implant

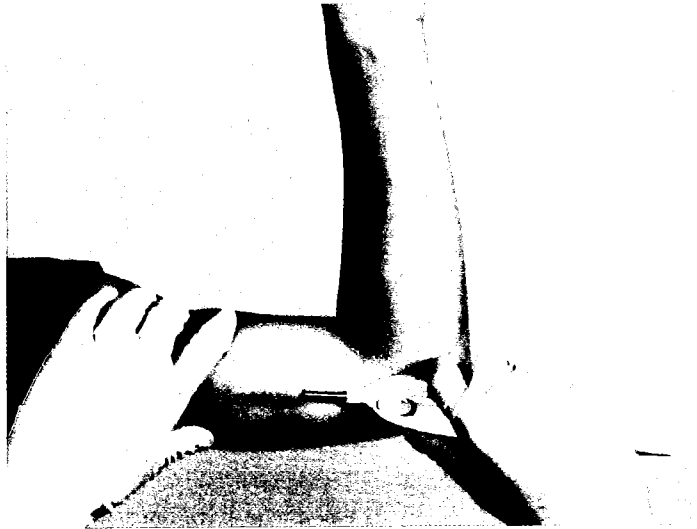
It is suggested that insertion may be easier if a “pocket” for the implant is first created by blunt dissection through the incision, subcutaneously along the path of the anesthetic, using the cannula of the loaded Insertion Tool, or using a sterile hemostatic clamp or equivalent surgical tool.

Be sure to VISIBLY RAISE THE SKIN (known as tenting) at all times during the pocket-making and insertion procedures to ensure correct subcutaneous placement (“just under the skin”) of the implant. Note that the cannula of the Insertion Tool, or whatever tool is being used to create the pocket, SHOULD NOT ENTER MUSCLE TISSUE. Deep insertion of the implant will not affect the performance of SUPPRELIN LA, but may cause difficulty in the later removal of the implant.

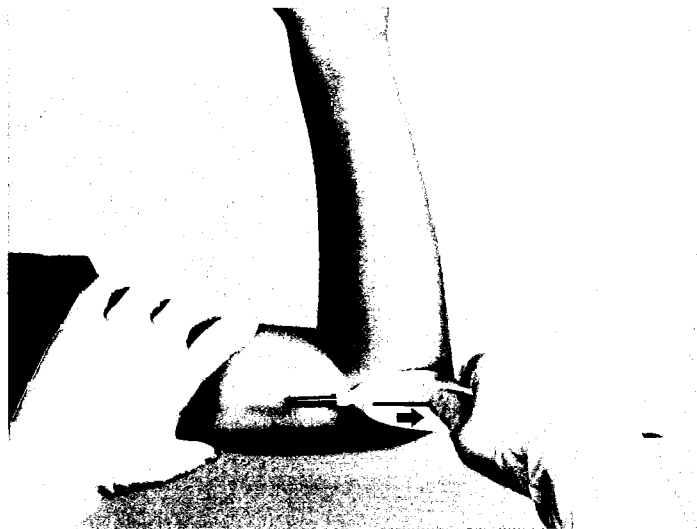
If using the cannula of the loaded Insertion Tool to create the pocket, carefully insert the tip of the cannula into the incision and advance through the subcutaneous tissue, while visibly raising the skin along the length of the cannula up to, but no farther than, the inscribed black line on the cannula. DO NOT DEPRESS THE GREEN RETRACTION BUTTON ON THE TOOL WHILE INSERTING OR ADVANCING THE TOOL INTO THE INCISION.

Pull the Tool back, almost to the beveled tip of the cannula, and advance the Tool forward again, so that the cannula re-enters the pocket completely, but no farther than the inscribed black line. Be sure to keep the insertion path just immediately subcutaneous.

If another tool was used to create the pocket, now insert the loaded cannula of the Insertion Tool containing the implant through the incision, up to the inscribed black line.



Hold the Insertion Tool in place with the base against the patient's arm (if possible) as you carefully move your thumb to the green retraction button. Depress the button to release the locking mechanism, then slide the button back toward the handle until it stops, all the while holding the body of the Insertion Tool in place.



Retracting the button causes the cannula to withdraw from the incision, leaving the implant in the subcutaneous tissue. **DO NOT FURTHER ADVANCE THE CANNULA ONCE THE RETRACTION PROCESS HAS STARTED.** Likewise, do not withdraw the Insertion Tool until the button is fully retracted or the implant may be pulled partially out of the incision. Once the retraction is complete, the Tool can be fully withdrawn.

**NOTE:** It may be helpful during the process of retraction and withdrawal of the cannula to apply pressure to the skin over the implant, to help ensure that the implant remains in the subcutaneous pocket.

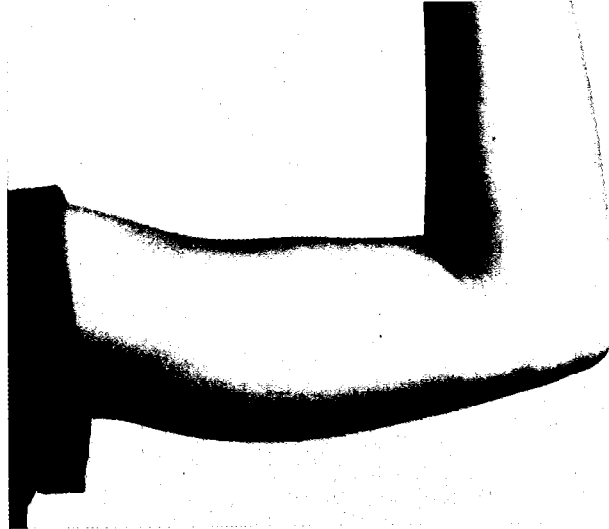
If there is a need to re-start the process at any time during the insertion procedure, withdraw the Insertion Tool, carefully extract the implant from the cannula and reset the retraction button on the Tool to its forward-most position. Examine the implant before reloading the implant into the Insertion Tool, and start again.

Placement of the implant should be confirmed by palpation. Note that the tip of a properly-placed implant may not be visible through the incision.

After implantation, briefly cover the site with a sterile gauze pad and apply pressure to ensure hemostasis.

#### Closing the Incision

To close the incision, you can use the absorbable sutures and/or the sterile adhesive surgical strips provided. To improve adhesion of the strips, you can apply benzoin tincture antiseptic (provided) to the skin, and let it dry, before applying the adhesive strips.



Once closed, cover the incision site with sterile gauze pads and secure the dressing with the bandage provided.

Please provide the patient's parent or guardian with a Patient Information Leaflet, which includes information about the implant and instructions on proper care of the insertion site.

#### **Suggested Removal Procedure**

SUPPRELIN LA should be removed after 12 months of therapy. Most of the supplies necessary to remove the implant, including the local anesthetic and the sterile mosquito clamp, are provided in the Implantation Kit that is shipped along with a new SUPPRELIN LA implant. Note that the Implantation Kit is to be stored at room temperature and must *not* be refrigerated. See the **Suggested Insertion Procedure** above for further instructions.

Removal of the SUPPRELIN LA implant is a surgical procedure. Sterile gloves and aseptic technique must be used to minimize any chance of infection.

#### Setting up the Sterile Field

Using proper aseptic technique, the sterilized components of the Implantation Kit needed for the implant removal procedure are to be carefully dispensed from their packaging out onto the Sterile Field drape (*non-fenestrated*) provided. NOTE THAT THE KIT BOX AND ALL PACKAGING ARE NOT STERILE and should be kept off of the Sterile Field drape. DO NOT PLACE THE VIAL OF LOCAL ANESTHETIC ONTO THE DRAPE as the exterior surface of the vial is not sterile.

#### Preparing the Patient and the Site

The patient should be on his/her back, with the arm containing the implant positioned, either bent or extended, so that the physician has ready access to the inner aspect of the upper arm. Propping the arm with pillows may help the patient more easily hold the position.

The implant to be removed should first be located by palpating the inner aspect of the upper arm, near the incision from the prior year.



Generally, the previous implant is readily palpated. In the event the implant is difficult to locate, ultrasound may be used. If ultrasound fails to locate the implant, other imaging techniques such as CT or MRI may be used to locate it (plain films are not recommended as **the implant is not radiopaque**).

#### *Antiseptic*

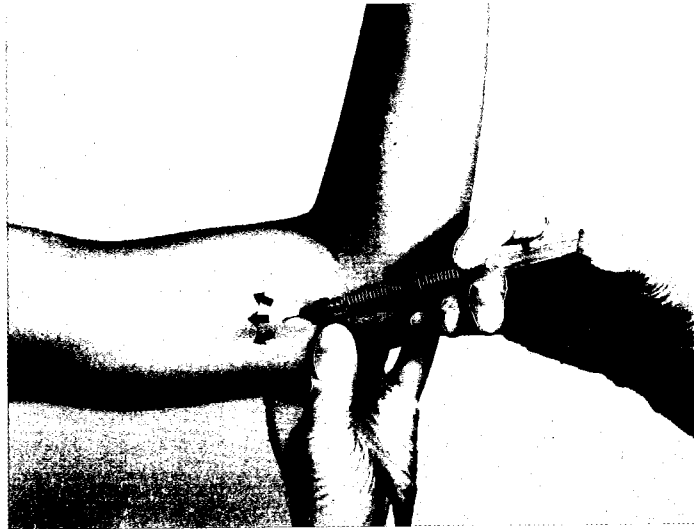
Swab the area above and around the previous implant with topical antiseptic. Overlay the area with the *fenestrated* Sterile Field drape provided, so that the hole is over the previous insertion site (for clarity of illustration, the following images do not show the drape).



#### *Anesthetic*

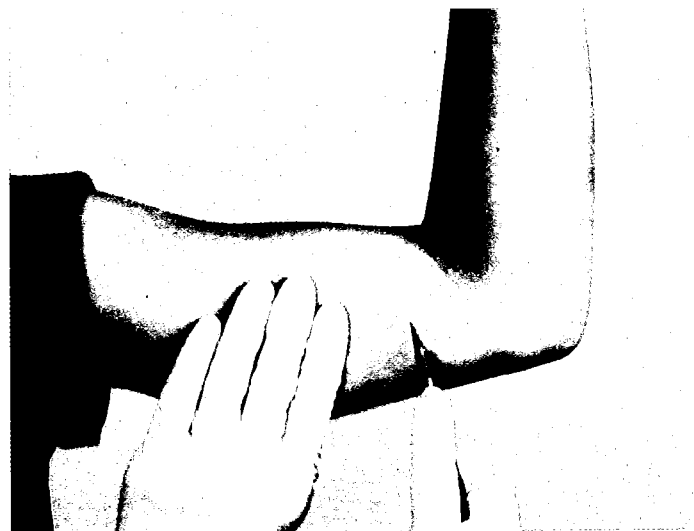
The method of anesthesia utilized (i.e., local, conscious sedation, general) is at the discretion of the healthcare provider.

If local anesthesia is selected: a vial of sterile local anesthetic (note that the exterior of the vial is not sterile) has been provided along with a sterile hypodermic needle for injection. After determining the absence of known allergies to the anesthetic agent, inject anesthetic into the subcutaneous tissue at and around the site of the intended incision (the site of the previous implant). Local anesthesia may also be supplemented by the use of distraction techniques.



**Making the Incision and Removing the Implant**

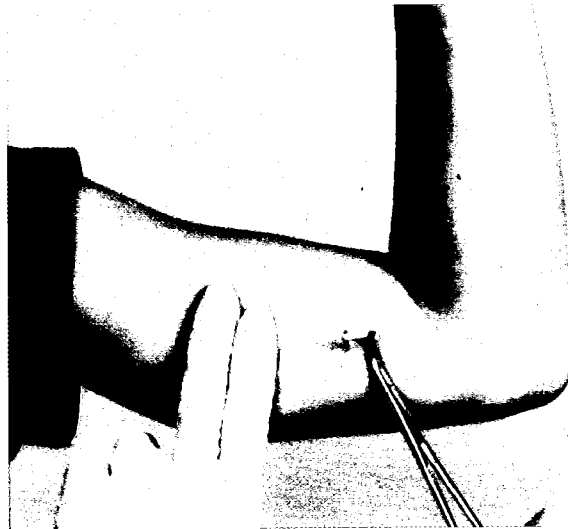
Using the sterile scalpel provided, make an incision of a size adequate to allow the implant to be easily removed and, if a new implant will be inserted, large enough for the bore of the cannula of the Insertion Tool provided.



Generally, the tip of the implant will be visible through the incision, possibly covered by a pseudocapsule of tissue. In order to facilitate the removal of the implant, it may be necessary to palpate the head of the implant through the incision using your smallest finger, especially if the head of the implant is not readily visible. In addition, you may need to push down on the distal end of the implant and “massage it forward” towards the incision.

Carefully nick the pseudocapsule to reveal the polymer tip of the implant. It may be beneficial to insert the sterile mosquito clamp provided into the hole created in the pseudocapsule and expand by opening the clamp. Widening the opening of the pseudocapsule may ease the extraction of the implant.

Gently but securely grasp the implant with the sterile mosquito clamp and extract the implant.



Dispose of the implant in a proper manner, treating it like any other bio-waste.

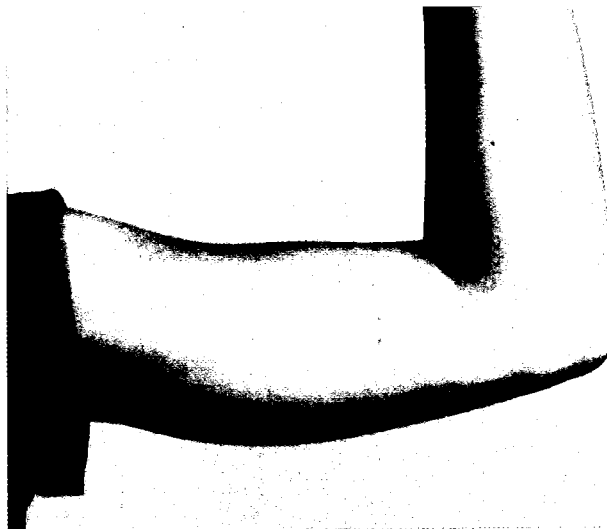
Briefly cover the site with a sterile gauze pad and apply pressure to ensure hemostasis.

If inserting a new implant, see the **Suggested Insertion Procedure** instructions provided above. Note that you can insert the new implant into the same “pocket” as the removed implant, or make a new incision at a different site in the same arm or in the contralateral arm.

If a new implant is not to be inserted, proceed to close the incision.

#### Closing the Incision

To close the incision, you can use the absorbable sutures and/or the sterile adhesive surgical strips provided. To improve adhesion of the strips, you can apply benzoin tincture antiseptic (provided) to the skin, and let it dry, before applying the adhesive strips.



Once closed, cover the incision site with sterile gauze pads and secure the dressing with the bandage provided.

### **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

SUPPRELIN LA is a sterile, nonbiodegradable, diffusion-controlled, hydrogel polymer reservoir drug delivery system designed to deliver histrelin acetate continuously for 12 months after subcutaneous implantation. The sterile implant contains 50 mg histrelin acetate and delivers approximately 65 mcg histrelin acetate per day over 12 months.

#### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

SUPPRELIN LA is contraindicated in:

- Patients who are hypersensitive to gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) or GnRH agonist analogs
- Pregnancy [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.1)].

#### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

##### 5.1 Initial Agonistic Action

SUPPRELIN LA, like other GnRH agonists, initially causes a transient increase in serum concentrations of estradiol in females and testosterone in both sexes during the first week of treatment. Patients may experience worsening of symptoms or onset of new symptoms during this period. However, within 4 weeks of histrelin therapy, suppression of gonadal steroids occurs and manifestations of puberty decrease.

##### 5.2 Implant Breakage

Implant insertion is a surgical procedure and it is important that the insertion instructions are followed to avoid potential complications. The insertion and removal of the implant should be done aseptically. Proper surgical technique is critical in minimizing adverse events related to the insertion and the removal of the histrelin implant. On occasion, localizing and/or removal of implant products have been difficult and imaging techniques were used, including ultrasound, CT, or MRI (note: the histrelin implant is not radiopaque). In some cases the implant broke during removal and multiple pieces were recovered. Confirm that the entire implant has been removed. If the implant was not retrieved completely, the remaining pieces should be removed following the instructions in the Suggested Removal Procedure section [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2)]. Rare events of spontaneous extrusion of the implant have been observed in clinical trials. During SUPPRELIN LA treatment, patients should be evaluated for evidence of clinical and biochemical suppression of CPP manifestations (see Section 5.6, Monitoring and Laboratory tests). Detailed instructions on the insertion and removal procedures of the implant are provided above [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2)].

##### 5.3 Psychiatric Events

Psychiatric events have been reported in patients taking GnRH agonists, including SUPPRELIN LA. Postmarketing reports with this class of drugs include symptoms of emotional lability, such as crying, irritability, impatience, anger, and aggression. Monitor for development or worsening of psychiatric symptoms during treatment with SUPPRELIN LA [see *Adverse Reactions* (6)].

##### 5.4 Convulsions

Postmarketing reports of convulsions have been observed in patients receiving GnRH agonists, including SUPPRELIN LA. Reports with GnRH agonists have included patients with a history of seizures, epilepsy, cerebrovascular disorders, central nervous system anomalies or tumors, and patients on concomitant medications that have been associated with convulsions such as bupropion and SSRIs. Convulsions have also been reported in patients in the absence of any of the conditions mentioned above.

##### 5.5 Pseudotumor Cerebri (Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension)

Pseudotumor cerebri (idiopathic intracranial hypertension) have been reported in pediatric patients receiving GnRH agonists. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of pseudotumor cerebri, including headache, papilledema, blurred vision, diplopia, loss of vision, pain behind the eye or pain with eye movement, tinnitus, dizziness, and nausea.

##### 5.6 Monitoring and Laboratory Tests

LH, FSH and estradiol or testosterone should be monitored at 1 month post implantation then every 6 months thereafter. Additionally, height (for calculation of height velocity) and bone age should be assessed every 6-12 months.



## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are described here and elsewhere in the label:

- Initial Agonist Action [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- Implant Breakage [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- Psychiatric Events [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]
- Convulsions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]
- Pseudotumor Cerebri (Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension) [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]

### 6.1 Overall Adverse Reaction Profile

The most common adverse reactions with SUPPRELIN LA involved the implant site. Local reactions after implant insertion include bruising, pain, soreness, erythema and swelling.

During the early phase of therapy, gonadotropins and sex steroids rise above baseline because of the natural stimulatory effect of the drug. Therefore, an increase in clinical signs and symptoms may be observed [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

### 6.2 Adverse Reactions in Clinical Trials

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The safety of SUPPRELIN LA in children with CPP was evaluated in two single-arm clinical trials conducted in a total of 47 patients (44 females and 3 males) over a period of time ranging from 9 to 18 months. The most commonly reported adverse reaction was implant site reaction, which was reported by 24 of 47 (51.1%) patients. Implant site reaction includes discomfort, bruising, soreness, pain, tingling, itching, implant area protrusion and swelling. Two subjects experienced a serious adverse reaction: 1 subject who coincidentally had Stargardt's Disease experienced amblyopia and 1 subject had a benign pituitary tumor (pituitary adenoma). One subject discontinued the study due to an adverse reaction of infection at the implant site. There were no clinically meaningful findings in standard clinical hematology and chemistry tests and/or in vital signs. The incidence of implantation adverse events reported by more than 2 patients are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1: Incidence of implantation adverse reactions reported by  $\geq 2$  patients treated with SUPPRELIN LA in both clinical trials**

Adverse Reactions	N=47 N (%)
Implant site reaction	24 (51.1)
Keloid scar	3 (6.4)
Scar	3 (6.4)
Suture related complication	3 (6.4)
Application site pain	2 (4.3)
Post procedural pain	2 (4.3)

The following adverse reactions were reported as possibly related or related in 1 patient each: wound infection, breast tenderness, dysmenorrhea, epistaxis, erythema, feeling cold, gynecomastia, headache, menorrhagia, migraine, mood swings, pituitary tumor benign, pruritus, weight increased, disease progression and influenza-like illness. The adverse reaction menorrhagia was reported as possibly related or related in 2 patients.

### 6.3 Post-marketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post approval use of SUPPRELIN LA. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

*General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions:* implant breakage

*Psychiatric Disorders:* Emotional lability, such as crying, irritability, impatience, anger, and aggression. Depression, including rare reports of suicidal ideation and attempt. Many, but not all, of these patients had a history of psychiatric illness or other comorbidities with an increased risk of depression.

*Nervous System Disorders:* seizures. Pseudotumor cerebri (idiopathic intracranial hypertension) have been observed with GnRH agonists.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Overview: No formal drug-drug, drug-food, or drug-herb interaction studies were performed with SUPPRELIN LA.

Drug-Laboratory Interactions: Therapy with SUPPRELIN LA results in suppression of the pituitary-gonadal system. Results of diagnostic tests of pituitary gonadotropic and gonadal functions conducted during and after SUPPRELIN LA therapy may be affected. SUPPRELIN LA decreased mean serum insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) levels by approximately 11% in one study (Study 1). SUPPRELIN LA increased the serum concentration of dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) in 8 of 36 patients in another study (Study 2).

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

SUPPRELIN LA is contraindicated during pregnancy [see *Contraindications (4)*] since expected hormonal changes that occur with SUPPRELIN LA treatment increase the risk for pregnancy loss. The limited data with histrelin use in pregnant women are insufficient to determine a drug-associated risk for major birth defects or adverse developmental outcomes. Consistent with mechanism of action for SUPPRELIN LA [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.1)*], animal reproduction studies showed an increase in fetal loss at clinically relevant exposures.

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. In the US general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2-4% and 15-20%, respectively.

#### Data

##### Animal Data

Histrelin acetate administered to pregnant rats during the period of organogenesis increased fetal mortality and post-implantation loss at doses of 1, 3, 5 or 15 mcg/kg/day, approximating clinical exposure based on body surface area. These dosages also reduced maternal body weight gain, stimulated ovarian follicular development, increased placental weight and caused abnormal morphology and an increase in fetal size. Histrelin acetate administered to pregnant rabbits during the period of organogenesis increased fetal mortality and abortion/early termination at the two highest doses and caused total litter loss at all doses of 20, 50 or 80 mcg/kg/day (approximately 3- to 12-times clinical exposures based on body surface area).

### 8.2 Lactation

#### Risk Summary

There are no data on the presence of SUPPRELIN LA in human or animal milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. Absorption and systemic activity are not expected from potential exposure to the peptide, histrelin, in the breast milk. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for SUPPRELIN LA and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from SUPPRELIN LA or from the underlying maternal condition.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients below the age of 2 years have not been established. The use of SUPPRELIN LA in children under 2 years is not recommended.

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

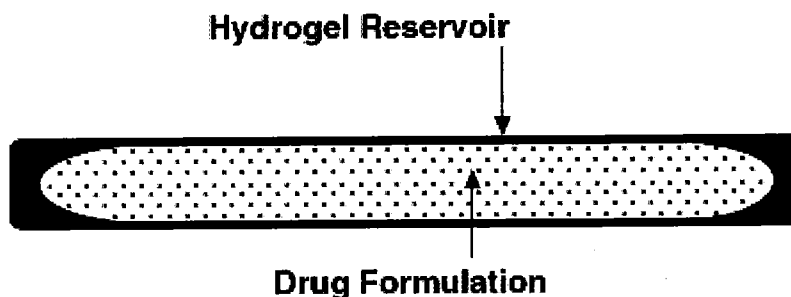
There have been no reports of overdose in SUPPRELIN LA clinical trials. High doses of histrelin acetate injection in animal studies were generally associated only with effects attributed to the expected pharmacology. The method of drug delivery makes accidental or intentional overdosage unlikely.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

SUPPRELIN LA is a sterile, non-biodegradable, diffusion-controlled, hydrogel polymer reservoir containing histrelin acetate, a synthetic nonapeptide analog of the naturally occurring gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) possessing a greater potency than the natural sequence hormone. SUPPRELIN LA is designed to deliver approximately 65 mcg histrelin acetate per day over 12 months.

The SUPPRELIN LA implant looks like a small thin flexible tube and consists of a 50-mg histrelin acetate drug core inside a 3.5 cm by 3 mm, cylindrical, hydrogel polymer reservoir (Figure 1). The implant may appear partially to completely full with variation in color from off-white to light brown. The color may be uneven within the core.

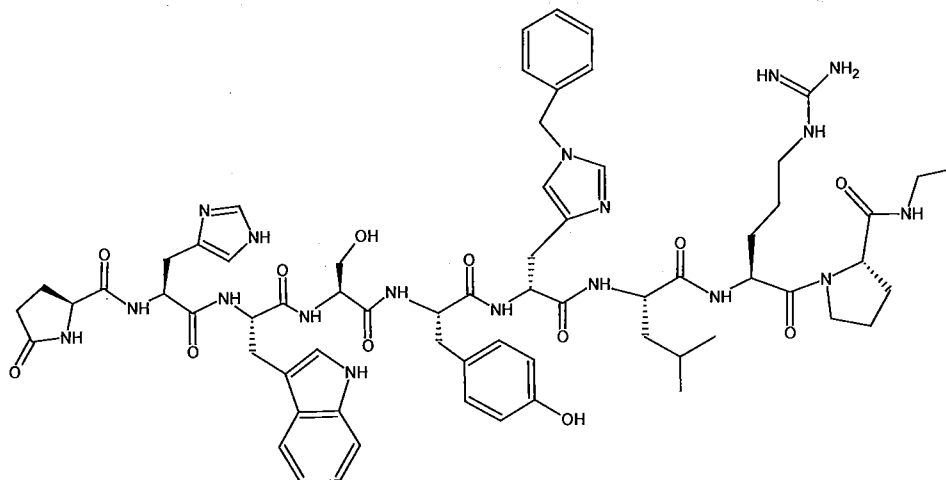
**Figure 1. SUPPRELIN LA Implant Diagram (not to scale)**



The chemical name of histrelin acetate is: L-Pyroglutamyl-L-histidyl-L-tryptophyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosyl-N-benzyl-D-histidyl-L-leucyl-L-arginyl-L-proline N-ethylamide, acetate salt.

The molecular formula for histrelin acetate is  $C_{66}H_{86}N_{18}O_{12} \times 2 CH_3COOH$  and its molecular weight is 1443.70 (or 1323.52 as free base). Histrelin is also chemically described as 5-oxo-L-prolyl-L-histidyl-L-tryptophyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosyl-Nt-benzyl-D-histidyl-L-leucyl-L-arginyl-N-ethyl-L-prolinamide diacetate. The chemical structure of the free base (histrelin) is represented below in Figure 2.

**Figure 2. Structure of Histrelin**



The drug core also contains the inactive ingredient stearic acid NF. The hydrogel polymer reservoir is a hydrophilic cartridge composed of 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, 2-hydroxypropyl methacrylate, trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate, benzoin methyl ether, Perkadox-16, and Triton X-100. Each implant is packaged hydrated in a glass vial containing 2 mL of sterile 1.8% sodium chloride solution, so that it is primed for immediate release of the drug upon insertion.

A single use, sterile, Insertion Tool is provided along with the implant that can be used for the placement of the SUPPRELIN LA implant into the subcutaneous tissue of the inner aspect of the upper arm. The Insertion Tool is enclosed in a sterile bag and is provided separately from the implant in the Implantation Kit [see *Recommended Procedure for Implant Insertion and Removal* (2.2)].

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

SUPPRELIN LA is a GnRH agonist and an inhibitor of gonadotropin secretion when given continuously. It delivers approximately 65 mcg histrelin acetate per day. Both animal and human studies indicate that following an initial stimulatory phase, chronic, subcutaneous administration of histrelin acetate desensitizes responsiveness of the pituitary gonadotropin which, in turn causes a reduction in ovarian and testicular steroidogenesis.

In humans, administration of histrelin acetate results in an initial increase in circulating levels of LH and FSH, leading to a transient increase in concentration of gonadal steroids (testosterone and dihydrotestosterone in males, and estrone and estradiol in premenopausal females).

However, continuous administration of histrelin acetate causes a reversible down-regulation of the GnRH receptors in the pituitary gland and desensitization of the pituitary gonadotropes. These inhibitory effects result in decreased levels of LH and FSH.

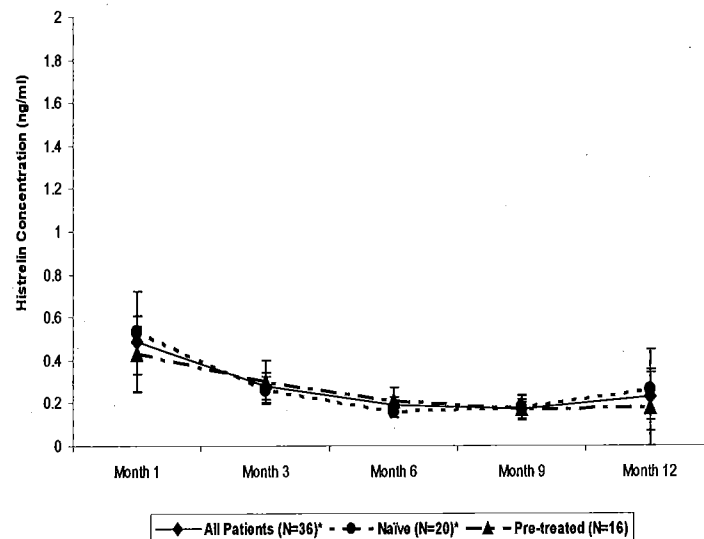
### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Long-term treatment with histrelin acetate suppresses the LH response to GnRH causing LH levels to decrease to prepubertal levels within 1 month of treatment. As a result, serum concentrations of sex steroids (estrogen or testosterone) also decrease. Consequently, secondary sexual development ceases to progress in most patients. Additionally, linear growth velocity is slowed which improves the chance of attaining predicted adult height.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacokinetics of histrelin after implantation of SUPPRELIN LA was evaluated in a total of 47 children with CPP (11 subjects in Study 1 and 36 subjects in Study 2). Patients were examined at 4 weeks after implant insertion and a few times throughout the treatment period. Median serum histrelin concentrations remained above the limit of quantification for the treatment period. Histrelin acetate levels were sustained throughout the study period for most subjects (Figure 3). The median of maximum serum histrelin concentrations over the study period was 0.43 ng/mL, which is expected to maintain gonadotropins at prepubertal levels. There was no apparent pharmacokinetic difference between naïve subjects to a LHRH agonist treatment and subjects who had previous treatment with a LHRH agonist (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Mean and Standard Deviation of Serum Histrelin Concentrations (ng/mL) Results at Each Visit**



### **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

#### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

Carcinogenicity studies were conducted in rats for 2 years at doses of 5, 25 or 150 mcg/kg/day (up to 11 times human exposures using body surface area comparisons, based on a 65 mcg/day dose in humans) and in mice for 18 months at doses of 20, 200, or 2000 mcg/kg/day (at less than therapeutic exposure to 70 times human exposure using body surface area comparisons, based on a 65 mcg/day dose in humans). As seen with other GnRH agonists, histrelin injection administration was associated with an increase in tumors of hormonally responsive tissues. There was a significant increase in pituitary adenomas in rats at mid and high doses (2-11 times human exposure based on body surface area comparisons with a 65 mcg/day human dose). There was an increase in pancreatic islet-cell adenomas in treated female rats and a non-dose-related increase in testicular Leydig-cell tumors (highest incidence in the low-dose group). In mice, there was significant increase in mammary-gland adenocarcinomas in all treated females. In addition, there were increases in stomach papillomas in male rats given high doses, and an increase in histiocytic sarcomas in female mice at the highest dose.

Mutagenicity studies have not been performed with histrelin acetate. Saline extracts of implants with and without histrelin acetate were negative in a battery of genotoxicity studies. Fertility studies have been conducted in rats and monkeys given subcutaneous daily doses of histrelin acetate up to 180 mcg/kg/day (up to 13 and 30 times human exposure, respectively using body surface area comparisons, based on a 65 mcg/day human dose) for 6 months and full reversibility of fertility suppression was demonstrated. The development and reproductive performance of offspring from parents treated with histrelin acetate has not been investigated.

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The efficacy of SUPPRELIN LA in children with CPP has been evaluated in two single-arm, open label studies. Study 1 was conducted in 11 pretreated female patients, 3.7 to 11.0 years of age. Study 2 was conducted in 36 patients (33 females and 3 males), 4.5 to 11.6 years of age. Sixteen pretreated and 20 treatment-naïve patients were enrolled in Study 2. Baseline patient characteristics were typical of patients with CPP. Efficacy assessments were similar in both studies and included endpoints that measured the suppression of gonadotropins (luteinizing hormone and follicle stimulating hormone) and gonadal sex steroids (estrogen in girls and testosterone in boys, respectively) on treatment. Other assessments were clinical (evidence of stabilization or regression of signs of puberty) or gonadal steroid-dependent (bone age, linear growth). In Study 2, the primary measure of efficacy was LH suppression.

In Study 2, suppression of LH was induced in all treatment naïve subjects and maintained in all pretreated subjects at Month 1 after implantation and continued through Month 12 (suppression was defined as a peak LH < 4 mIU/mL following stimulation with the GnRH analog leuprolide acetate).

Secondary efficacy hormone assessments (FSH, estradiol and testosterone) and additional efficacy assessments (bone age advancement, linear growth, clinical progression of puberty) indicated stabilization of disease. Estradiol suppression was present in all 33 girls (100%) through Month 9 and 97% at Month 12. Testosterone suppression was maintained in the three pre-treated males participating in Study 2. The SUPPRELIN LA effect on efficacy endpoints in the Study 1 was consistent with that observed in Study 2.

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

SUPPRELIN LA (NDC 67979-002-01) is supplied in a corrugated shipping carton that contains 2 inner cartons: a small one for the vial containing the SUPPRELIN LA implant, which is shipped with a cold pack inside a polystyrene cooler that must be refrigerated upon arrival, and a larger one comprising the Implantation Kit, which must *not* be refrigerated, for use during insertion or removal of SUPPRELIN LA.

The SUPPRELIN LA implant contains 50 mg of histrelin acetate. The SUPPRELIN LA implant carton contains a cold pack for refrigerated shipment and a small carton containing an amber plastic pouch. Inside the pouch is a glass vial with a Teflon-coated stopper and an aluminum seal, containing the implant in 2 mL of sterile 1.8% sodium chloride solution. (Note: The 3.5 mL vial is not completely filled with saline).

**Upon receipt, refrigerate the small carton containing the amber plastic pouch and glass vial (with the implant inside) until the day of insertion. The implant vial should not be opened until just before the time of insertion.**

SUPPRELIN LA is stable when stored refrigerated, in its sealed vial, pouch, and carton, at 2-8°C (36-46°F) until the expiration date provided. Excursion permitted to 25°C (77°F) for 7 days. Do not freeze. Protect from light.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

*Advise the patient to read the FDA-Approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).*

### Initial Agonistic Action

Patients should be advised that a transient worsening of symptoms of puberty or onset of new symptoms may occur initially. However, within 4 weeks of histrelin therapy, complete suppression of gonadal steroids occurs and manifestations of puberty decrease [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

### Post-insertion Care

Patients should be instructed to refrain from getting the inserted arm wet for 24 hours and from strenuous exertion of the inserted arm for 7 days after implant insertion to allow the incision to fully close. The adhesive elastic bandage can be removed at that time. The patient should not remove the surgical strips; rather, the strips should be allowed to fall off on their own after several days.

### Psychiatric Adverse Events

Inform caregivers that symptoms of emotional lability, such as crying, irritability, impatience, anger, and aggression, have been observed in patients receiving GnRH agonists, including SUPPRELIN LA. Alert caregivers to the possibility of development or worsening of psychiatric symptoms, including depression, during treatment with SUPPRELIN LA [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3), *Adverse Reactions* (6.3)].



**Convulsions**

Inform caregivers that reports of convulsions have been observed in patients receiving GnRH agonists, including SUPPRELIN LA. Patients with a history of seizures, epilepsy, cerebrovascular disorders, central nervous system anomalies or tumors, and patients on concomitant medications that have been associated with convulsions may be at risk [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].

**Pseudotumor Cerebri (Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension)**

Inform patients and caregivers that reports of pseudotumor cerebri (idiopathic intracranial hypertension) have been observed in pediatric patients receiving GnRH agonists. Advise patients and caregivers to monitor for headache, and vision issues such as blurred vision, double vision, loss of vision, pain behind the eye or pain with eye movement, ringing in the ears, dizziness, and nausea. Advise patients and caregivers to contact their healthcare provider if the patient develops any of these symptoms. [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

**Common Adverse Reactions**

Patients should be advised to report to their physician any severe pain, redness, or swelling in and around the implant site. Infrequently, SUPPRELIN LA may be expelled from the body through the original incision site, rarely without the patient noticing. The patient should be instructed to monitor the incision site until it is healed. The patient should also return for routine checks of their condition and to ensure that SUPPRELIN LA is present and functioning in his/her body [see *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)].

For more information, call 1-800-462-3636 or visit [www.supprelinla.com](http://www.supprelinla.com).

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Re: [Q] Fertility Preservation ?? was Re: update on Spence... - Ted Hudacko

Re: [Q] Fertility Preservation ?? was Re: update on Spencer's health.

Ted Hudacko

Thu 11/11/2021 5:46 PM

To: Daniel S. Harkins <dshark1@pacbell.net>;

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Dear Mr. Harkins,

I phoned you today and we spoke very briefly. The reason for my call was that you had not replied to my voice message left for you in October requesting a call back. I also have sent you two emails in November. I am not represented so you are not forbidden to speak to me as you claimed when I attempted to speak to you in July 2019. I don't know what you mean by your comment today that I was using a "tone" with you. This is absurd and simply evasiveness by you.

Spencer, my son and whom you represent, is being sterilized by the administration of Supprellin LA implant. You indicated today you had not read either my November emails, nor were aware of the procedure Spencer had, nor had consulted with either Spencer nor Christine Hudacko, the mother either before or since Spencer's procedure. The custody orders do not permit sterilization. The orders also do not permit surgery which the implant procedure is a minor surgery requiring anaesthesia.

Supprellin is the trade name for histrelin acetate and is as I attempted to explain to you today, not approved by the FDA for uses other than Central Precocious Puberty (CPP) in boys 11 and younger or Prostate Cancer in older men. Neither apply to Spencer who is 17 and undergoing normal, not precocious puberty. The other notorious use for histrelin acetate is chemical castration of convicted sex offenders. I attempted to explain this to you and asked why are you allowing my son to be sterilized? You didn't answer my question but instead made your comment about "tone," stated you did not have to speak with me, then hung up.

I'd like some answers from you how and why you are allowing Spencer to be sterilized? Spencer is a deeply troubled teenager and cannot possibly understand the consequences what this means. The permanent and irreversible effect of histrelin acetate is accomplished in as little as four months, meaning that Spencer already has had this implant 3 months. Not only will this render Spencer incapable of reproduction, but incapable of sexual response and orgasm. I cannot believe that you are not aware of Spencer's status of health and were apparently unaware that this procedure had taken place nor could represent that you verified Spencer understood the consequences and can properly give informed consent.

You have accepted a substantial amount of payment from me in the form of many checks. I don't have the exact sum handy but I reckon it is in the tens of thousands of dollars so far. What are you doing? You have a duty to protect Spencer. I would like answers.

Ted Hudacko

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**From:** Ted Hudacko

**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 9:29 AM

**To:** Daniel S. Harkins; Nathaniel Bigger

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7/16/22, 1:03 PM

Re: [Q] Fertility Preservation ?? was Re: update on Spence... - Ted Hudacko

Cc: Christine Hudacko

Subject: [Q] Fertility Preservation ?? was Re: update on Spencer's health.

Dear Mr. Bigger and Mr. Harkins,

Please provide a more detailed update re: Spencer and the procedures that have been performed and ongoing and the counseling prior to starting GNRHa (aka "puberty blockade", aka "anti androgen"). As you know I have voiced concern re: lack of safety for this category of drugs. This is the exact same protocol as is administered to convicted sex offenders to accomplish chemical sterilization. I have specifically asked Christine twice via text message what "fertility preservation efforts were made for Spencer as what Christine has done without my consent and knowledge will destroy Spencer's reproductive viability. Christine has ignored my inquiries. Why are you sterilizing Spencer?

Endocrine society recommendations subscribed to by WPATH, Hembree et al 2017: "We recommend that clinicians inform and counsel all individuals seeking gender-affirming medical treatment regarding options for fertility preservation prior to initiating puberty suppression in adolescents and prior to treating with hormonal therapy of the affirmed gender in both adolescents and adults. (1 |⊕⊕⊕⊕)" **It is in fact one of the only 3 recommendations that is not low or very low quality or ungraded out of the 27.** So am I to understand that UCSF is not even following WPATH guidelines? Mr. Harkins you have a duty to protect Spencer and it was your Minor's Counsel report that extolled the high quality of WPATH SOC. I would appreciate answers.

Ted

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**From:** Christine Hudacko <christinehudacko@yahoo.com>
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 7:47 PM**To:** Ted Hudacko**Cc:** Nathaniel Bigger; Daniel S. Harkins**Subject:** update on Spencer's health

Ted, Spencer has begun hormone therapy - testosterone blocker (Supprelin) via an implant and estrogen via pills (Estradiol). Spencer is doing well and happy to finally begin the process. I believe that Spencer has been very supported by UCSF and therapists over the past 12 months in determining this was the right step for them. Spencer continues to see Dr. Barrow to be supported. Insurance has paid for the vast majority of implant procedure and I sent UCSF a check for the balance (\$2035.64). I don't expect that you will pay for half given your disapproval of transitioning.

Spencer started HRT in Aug. and I waited to tell you to be able to report how it is going so far. I also waited because frankly I am concerned how you will react and potentially act out to our children and me. Friday night's incident of you harassing me, with Will witnessing some of it, confirms my concerns and that Will will have to resume therapy with Adam when football concludes.

-Chris

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# EXHIBIT N

Name: Gemma Hudacko | DOB: 6/10/2004 | MRN: 45479935 | PCP: Eileen G. Aicardi, MD

**A Note to Patients:** Symptoms are concisely summarized to inform treatment recommendations. For reasons of privacy and brevity, this note does not attempt to capture all experiences that were discussed.

## Progress Notes

Stephen M Rosenthal at 11/9/2021 4:00 PM

### Subjective:

Subjective

#### Chief Complaint

Patient presents with

- Follow-up

I performed this evaluation using real-time telehealth tools, including a live video Zoom connection between my location and the patient's location. Prior to initiating, the patient consented to perform this evaluation using telehealth tools.

HPI 17 y.o. 4 m.o. transgender female.

Last seen 6/8/21.

Started blocker + E2 8/21.

Currently in 12th grade; looking at colleges now. Interested in becoming a nurse.

Recent Hx followed by Dr. Karissa Barrow. No active plan or intent. No longer feeling suicidal since starting lexapro. Also followed by Dr. Dan Karasic (psychiatrist). Doing DBT (group) as well.

Patient's allergies, medications, past medical, surgical, family and social histories were reviewed and updated as appropriate.

Review of Systems

### Objective:

Objective

There were no vitals taken for this visit.

Physical Exam

#### Lab Review:

Labs ordered 10/20/21 at Mother's request via LabCorp (in Berkeley): T, E2, Prolactin--11/5/21--Results not yet in chart.

## Assessment:

### Assessment

17 y.o. 4 m.o. transgender female; doing well.

## Plan:

### Plan

Have asked Alice Lau to track down results of recent labs.

Continue current Rx pending above.

RTC 3 months.

**I spent a total of 30 minutes on this patient's care on the day of their visit excluding time spent related to any billed procedures. This time includes time spent with the patient as well as time spent documenting in the medical record, reviewing patient's records and tests, obtaining history, placing orders, communicating with other healthcare professionals, counseling the patient, family, or caregiver, and/or care coordination for the diagnoses above.**

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# EXHIBIT O

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October 21, 2020

Dr. Stephen M. Rosenthal, M.D., Medical Director of the CAGC  
Diane Ehrensaft, PhD., Mental Health Director of the CAGC  
UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital  
Child and Adolescent Transgender Center Clinic  
Ron Conway Family Gateway Medical Building  
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San Francisco, California [94158]

**Re: Spencer Hudacko treatment/research questions. MyChart proxy form.**

Dear Drs. Rosenthal and Ehrensaft,

Thank you for meeting with my minor child, Spencer Hudacko, and Spencer's mother, Christine Hudacko, on 10/13/2020. I regret I was unable to participate. I hope this can be a cordial and constructive exchange. I have questions and concerns that I hope you will address promptly.

Please find enclosed my completed proxy form for MyChart record access re: Spencer. I was informed that I need to provide this to Spencer's doctor(s) in order to gain access. I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Has Spencer been given a coded diagnosis by either you or another professional? If so, what is the diagnosis, or diagnoses? If by another professional, who? What is your relationship with this third party? What assessments were made in reaching a diagnosis? What assessments have been recommended as next steps? I have not seen any of the reports for Spencer, thus my interest and so I can be assured Spencer has a full differential diagnosis that can be validated.

I reviewed the paper you co-authored describing the four-site collaborative research network for longitudinal observational study of transgender and gender-diverse (TGD) youth undergoing medical interventions to address gender dysphoria.<sup>1</sup> Tables 2 and 4 of your paper enumerate Physiologic and Anthropometric Data and Mental and Behavioral

<sup>1</sup> "Creating the Trans Youth Network: A Collaborative Research Effort" *Transgend. Health* 2019 Nov 1;4(1):304-312. doi: 10.1089/trgh.2019.0024. eCollection 2019. Attached here as Exhibit A. Online at: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31701011/> and <https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/pdf/10.1089/trgh.2019.0024>

Health Measures for the later pubertal cohort that Spencer presumably falls within. I welcome the opportunity to review these artifacts in Spencer's case for my better understanding.

Is Spencer being assessed and treated in the context of standard, generally-accepted, non-controversial and approved medical care and practice? Or, is Spencer enrolled (either formally or informally) as a test subject for your stated goal of "collecting data?" Has Spencer's mother, Christine, given consent for Spencer's participation as a test subject in the NIH-funded study in which Dr. Rosenthal is named as a Principal Investigator (PI) or any other study?<sup>2</sup> Please identify fully the study or studies.

Consent to standard and recognized medical treatment protocols and consent to participation in a research experiment involving pre-approval therapeutic and pharmaceutical protocols are two very different things. The latter should involve a more thoughtful decision process and include the consent of *both* parents of a minor whom is being considered for any experimental treatment. It is unclear if this distinction and the experimental nature of the study underway at UCSF and other the three sites sharing in NIH grant project 5R01HD082554-05 were known to the Contra Costa Family Court when Judge Hiramoto granted temporary sole legal custody to Christine of Spencer on either 6/24/2020 or 8/26/2020.

The latter is an interesting question that unfortunately came up neither in pleadings nor during hearings. Significantly, Judge Hiramoto extended Christine's legal custody to include decisions over hormonal transition treatment at the 8/26/2020 hearing while continuing to limit decisions over surgical treatment. I'm bringing the question up now as everyone else in this matter appears to have been a few steps ahead to Spencer's and my disadvantage. This is a significant change, and in fact, is a reversal on this aspect from Judge Hiramoto's prior order post the 6/24/2020 hearing that disallowed Christine from having sole legal discretion regarding hormonal treatment.

As you should know, I contacted CAGC and communicated directly with Jessie Cohen of your staff on 7/7/2020, initially by email. Cohen explained I could request a call back from either of you by requesting same at 415-353-7337. I did so the same day, requesting to speak with Dr. Ehrensaft. Dr. Ehrensaft eventually called me more than two months later on or about 9/16/2020 at approximately 10:30 am. We spoke approximately 30 minutes. At the time, I thought ours had been a constructive conversation.

I recently reviewed itemized invoices from Daniel S. Harkins, the court-appointed Minor's Counsel in the divorce and custody matter. Dr. Ehrensaft had phone calls with

<sup>2</sup> "The Impact of Early Treatment in Transgender Youth," NIH Project 5R01HD082554-05. Project description attached here as Exhibit B. Online at: [https://projectreporter.nih.gov/project\\_info\\_description.cfm?aid=9730239&icde=52269515](https://projectreporter.nih.gov/project_info_description.cfm?aid=9730239&icde=52269515)

Mr. Harkins on at least two dates 7/28/2020 and 8/13/2020 for a combined duration longer than Dr. Ehrensaft later spent with me 9/16/2020. I'm at a loss to understand both why Dr. Ehrensaft waited so long to contact me, Spencer's parent, and why you prioritized two conversations with Mr. Harkins much earlier within that period and in advance of the 8/26/2020 follow-up hearing where legal custody was changed adversely.

The 8/26/2020 temporary order gave Christine sole discretion to give authorization and consent for hormonal treatment and at the same time has forbidden my participation in medical appointments involving Spencer. However, "medical appointments" with you may be a misnomer because these also or primarily are participation in experimental research. Your timely communication with Mr. Harkins and less-than-timely communication with me, Spencer's parent, better reflect advancing your own research objectives by enrolling another subject but arguably do not reflect the "best interest of the child," Spencer.

There are better methods of communication, education and persuasion to give assurance and to gain the buy-in of a parent with many questions such as myself. Secrecy, obfuscation and delay are not good means to engender trust. Instead, such methods of subterfuge create additional questions about motivation and intent.

According to your own "Creating the Trans Youth Network" article, "there is a lack of consensus among professionals around timing of initiation of medical interventions, as well as optimal dosing regimens."<sup>3</sup>

My boldness in posing these questions presents certain personal risk to myself and potentially further jeopardizes my already-degraded parental rights by virtue of an argument you raise earlier in "Creating the Trans Youth Network." You say "[d]istal stressors may include harassment, bullying, ... loss of ... family members ... [and] influence individual/proximal stressors ... which in turn contribute to psychological distress." My questions are rooted in concern for Spencer's health, safety and well-being and the best interest of my child.

Many parents in my situation have similar concerns and questions but are silenced by a chilling effect created as a consequence in which our appropriate parental concerns are mischaracterized or intentionally misrepresented as being at best "unsupportive" but more frequently and defaming as "transphobic" or "bigoted." This appears what has happened in my own case and contributed largely, if not exclusively, to the current, temporary denial of my parental and custodial rights of Spencer.

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<sup>3</sup> "Creating the Trans Youth Network: A Collaborative Research Effort" *Transgend. Health* 2019 Nov 1;4(1): pg. 305.

Returning to Table 4, it was unclear to me that measurements of cognitive, memory and executive functions are included. These categories are not mentioned under either Construct or Measure. Please clarify.

I notice your citations did not reference the study published in 2017 that observed correlation and likely causal relation between gonadotropin releasing hormone analogs (GnRHa) and decreased cognitive and executive functions.<sup>4</sup> Table 4 also does not include multiple of the metrics cited by Schneider *et. al.*, e.g., Weschler Scale (WISC-III or WISC-IV), executive function (EF), Tower of London. Without measurement of these attributes, how is it possible to track outcomes in these dimensions? I would like to better understand why your study appears to omit observation of these attributes.

The GnRHa suspected as culprit by Schneider *et. al.* is the same substance, is it not, that you state “lacks consensus among professionals ... of ... *optimal* dosing regimens?” (Emphasis added). There appears to be a lack of consensus among professionals of the *safety* of GnRHa, not just “optimal dosing.” Otherwise it appears cognitive function is not a concern of yours. I am very much concerned by this. Are you performing inappropriate human experimentation? Has Spencer or Spencer’s mother, Christine, been fully apprised of potential or known risks, including harm to cognitive, memory and executive function? Can Spencer, a minor, give appropriate consent?

Schneider *et. al.*’s Background and Discussion sections cite and performed meta-analysis of numerous other human and animal studies including human subject brain diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) to measure white matter fractional anisotropy (FA). The meta-analysis collectively and consistently reinforced or failed to deny their hypothesis of negative impact to brain white matter under pubertal suppression. Schneider *et. al.* conclude, “Further longitudinal clinical studies comparing DTI parameters and cognition among TG adolescents under puberty suppression and age-matched controls with physiological pubertal development are needed in order to confirm the present findings and support the hypothesis on the impact of sex hormones on cognition and brain maturity during developmental stages.”

Did you discuss the Schneider *et. al.* article with Mr. Harkins? If so, please provide the details when and the substance of such conversation(s). I shared the article with the family court in my responsive declaration to Minor’s Counsel Report. At the 8/26/2020 hearing, Mr. Harkins derisively dismissed Schneider *et. al.* as “the Brazil report”, completely failing to address the substance of their cognition warnings.

<sup>4</sup> “Brain Maturation, Cognition and Voice Pattern in a Gender Dysphoria Case under Pubertal Suppression,” Maiko A. Schneider *et. al.* *Front Hum Neurosci.* 2017; 11: 528. Attached here as Exhibit C and online at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5694455/>



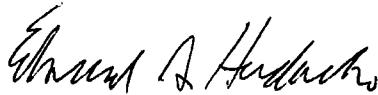
Is there animal experimental data to pre-validate the safety of GnRHa, especially with respect to cognitive, memory and executive function at any dosage level that provides assurance for human experimentation within known parameters for safety? What are the differences with regard to safety of GnRHa in minors vs. adults?

I support conducting good science for the advancement of humankind and knowledge. However I have doubts about this experimental design, what parameters have been included as well as excluded for observation, as well as concerns about Spencer's participation and our informed consent.

I have come to learn that I am not alone in these concerns.<sup>56</sup>

I hope we can work constructively through the questions and concerns I have raised above regarding Spencer's best interests and that we can engage in an inclusive and respectful manner to avoid and correct any misunderstandings. The bottom line is that I do not want Spencer to be cognitively harmed as a consequence of experimental protocols you may be conducting or intend to conduct on Spencer, the details of which have been withheld from me and to which I have neither been asked nor given informed consent. Mine are proper parental concerns for the safety of my minor child and are only the best interest of Spencer. I look forward to your responses.

Sincerely,



Edward A. Hudacko, Spencer's father.

Cc: Christine M. Hudacko,  
Nathaniel Bigger, Esq.,  
Daniel S. Harkins, Esq.,  
The Honorable Joni Hiramoto, Superior Court of Contra Costa, California.  
The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier, California C.D. 11,  
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, California C.D. 12,  
The Honorable Barbara Lee, California C.D. 13,  
The Honorable Doug LaMalfa, California C.D. 1

<sup>5</sup> US Congress HR8012 *Protecting Children from Experimentation Act of 2020*. <https://trackbill.com/bill/us-congress-house-bill-8012-protecting-children-from-experimentation-act-of-2020/1942605/>

<sup>6</sup> US Congress HR8013 *End Taxpayer Funding of Gender Experimentation Act of 2020* <https://trackbill.com/bill/us-congress-house-bill-8013-end-taxpayer-funding-of-gender-experimentation-act-of-2020/1942604/>